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there some time as a millwright and carpenter, and his own mill having burned, he went to Herkimer County, and built for a company a cotton-mill, in the village of Van Hornesville. At the end of three years he decided upon a greater removal to the village of Chapmanville, Plum Township, Venango County, Pa., and worked at his trade as millwright and builder in the country round about. For a season he worked in Pittsburg, doing his part in the erection of the earliest flour, cotton, and woollen mills in that growing city, besides building models for mill-owners. In 1872 he retired from active life, and returned to New York, making his home in Buffalo near his sons and daughter; and there he died October 20, 1881. His wife soon afterward returned to the old homestead in Pennsylvania, where she died seven years later, November 5, 1888.

Their children were five. Maryette was born January 30, 1834, and died February 17, 1840, in Van Hornesville, in her childhood. Amelia Pierce was born January 19, 1836, and married Thomas J. Tipton, at Chapmanville, Pa., in April, 1857, at the age of twenty-one; and she has one child, Ray Pierce Tipton, born February 26, 1859, and now a resident of Union City, Pa., where his parents also now reside. Ray Vaughn Pierce, now a noted Buffalo physician and ex-Senator and ex-Member of Congress, was born August 6, 1840, in Van Hornesville, where the family were then living; and he was married in November, 1864, at Diamond, Venango County, Pa., to Mary Jane Smith. They

have had six children: Valentine Mott Pierce, born August 7, 1866, graduated from Harvard in 1888, and from Buffalo Medical College in 1891, and now living in Buffalo, engaged in practice; Frank Lee Pierce, born in June, 1869, and dying in July, 1870, after a short year of earthly life; Ida Belle Pierce, born June 18, 1871, dying November 6, 1889, at the sweet age of eighteen; Oakley Earl Pierce, born in June, 1873, and dying in August, 1879, aged six years; Hugh Clay Pierce, born in May, 1876; Ralph Waldo Pierce, born November 6, 1884.

Returning now to Mr. Duane Pierce's children, Franklin Duane Pierce, our subject, was born February 22, 1853; and John Edmund Pierce was born June 10, 1857, married Louise M. Whicher, of Buffalo, November 26, 1879, and died July 18, 1881, after a brief but promising career in business. As already noted, the fourth of Duane Pierce's five children is our subject; and he was born on Washington's Birthday in 1853. Till he reached the age of sixteen he attended the Chapmanville schools, and then went both to a private school and the Central High School in Buffalo, where lived his elder brother Ray. In 1872 he began the study of medicine with his brother, at the same time attending lectures at the University of Buffalo. He was graduated in the class of 1875, at the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, after which he was for a time in practice with Ray in Buffalo. It was during the centennial year, April 17, that he married Ida J. Constantine, of the city where he lived, a noble and



beautiful woman; but she died in the bloom of her youth, at the age of twenty-two, on June 5, 1877, after fourteen months of happy wedlock, and five days after the birth of her son, Franklin Duane Pierce, Jr., born on the last day of May. The fall after his marriage, 1876, the Doctor gave up general practice, and devoted himself to Sanitarium work; but in 1877, after his beloved wife's death, he resigned his position at the Sanitarium, and went to New York City, to relieve his mind by a course of instruction in the medical department of the University of the City of New York, where he was graduated in the class of 1878. For a while he then practised in Gowanda, thirty miles from Buffalo; but the next autumn he was elected to the Chair of Physiology and Hygiene in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Buffalo, a position which he filled two years, at the same time practising his profession in the city. During this time he was again married, March 26, 1879, to Mary Alice Baker, of Brooklyn, who has been a worthy helpmate. In 1880 this college was disbanded, and some of the professors became connected with the Niagara University; but Dr. Pierce had resigned before the change was made, in order to devote himself wholly to his work at the Invalids' Hotel, which he continued until March, 1886, about six years, the institution being conducted by a stock company, of which he was Vice-President. In March of that year, 1886, he resigned this position, and went to Union Springs, where he established himself in a building formerly

occupied by a school called the Howland Institute, which was well fitted for his purpose, though needing some architectural changes. Dr. Pierce has contributed many articles to some of the leading medical journals, and has translated from the French, and edited, with notes and additions, an important and interesting medical work.

An Arabian philosopher has said, "An ignorant doctor is the aide-de-camp of death"; but the converse is equally true, that a trained physician is the staff-officer of life. "Look to your health," says old Izaak Walton, the angler; "and, if you have it, praise God, and value it next to a good conscience." To help men into this wholesome condition is the aim of our Doctor. His business has been built up without aid from any one else. In religion the Doctor is a Unitarian, and in politics a Republican. He is decidedly a man of affairs; for besides his Union Springs property he owns a ranch in Coffey County, Kansas, and real estate in Alabama.

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FLOYD M. CLARK is a dealer in hardware and stoves, and is also engaged in a large confectionery business on Lake Street, Fair Haven, Cayuga County. Mr. Clark has much to be proud of in his ancestry on both his father's and mother's side. His father, Hiram Clark, was born in Picton, Ont., where he was the ideal "Village Blacksmith," and where for many years his forge was the delight of the school-children. The grandfather also was a black-



smith; and he in his turn had learned his trade from his father at their smithy in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., before the Revolutionary times. Thus four generations of this family have been seen working successfully at a trade which has always gathered around it the romance of the poets, and which turns out such sturdy men and such earnest workers. Hiram Clark left Canada in 1866, and settled in Fair Haven, where he continued to work at his trade until his death in 1885. He held many town offices, and was a much respected citizen.

The mother of Mr. Clark came of a race no less distinguished than the father. Her maiden name was Maria Crouse; and she was the daughter of William Crouse, of Clark's Mills, Ont., where she was born on July 22, 1842. Her great-grandfather and his brother had owned a piece of land twelve miles square at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; but at the time of the Revolution they lost it all. Dr. Crouse was Mrs. Clark's grandfather. She was also connected with a family of that name in Syracuse. Maria Crouse was married early in life to Casper Abby, a prominent woollen-mill owner of Fulton, Can., where she lived until after the death of her husband. By this marriage she had one child, Hattie, who is now the wife of Adelbert Kenney, of Osceola, N.Y. A few years later she married Hiram O. Clark, and by him had the following children: Floyd M.; Mary, wife of Adelbert Wares of Oswego Falls; Celestine, wife of Edward Ackerman, of Oswego Falls; and Allen, who is still young, and lives with his brother Floyd. Mrs. Clark was a devoted

member of the Methodist Episcopal church for twenty years; and at her death, in 1892, the esteem in which she was held by the people of Fair Haven was manifested by the great number who came to do her homage, her funeral being one of the largest ever held in the town.

Floyd M. Clark was born in Picton, Ont., in May, 1864, and when but two years of age came with his father to this place. He was educated in the union school, and then learned the trade of blacksmith with his father, and from the time he was sixteen has conducted the shop most of the time, engaging some one to assist in the work while he gave his attention to various other lines of business. Early displaying marked energy and ability, he was made Weigh-master of the Port of Fair Haven and the Southern Central Railroad; and for five summers, while he was still very young, he was employed in weighing all the coal that went out of port, this being the great shipping point for coal. The position was a very responsible one, and the accuracy of his reports is a marvel to all who know the difficulty of the work. After the death of his father Mr. Clark built a new shop on Lake Street, adjoining the store, where he does a general hardware and blacksmith business, and employs four men. In 1886 he built a new store on the site of the old blacksmith shop, and in 1887 another store, adding a department for the sale of confectionery and oysters to his former large business.

Mr. Clark has taken an active interest in the affairs of the town, being on the School



Board for several years, and Treasurer of the Board in 1893. He votes the Republican ticket, but his many business interests prevent him from taking a leading part in politics.

On August 13, 1886, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Anna Smith, of Fair Haven, daughter of Harvey W. Smith, a native of Hannibal, Oswego County, N.Y. Her grandfather, Joel Z. Smith, was an early settler of Hannibal, coming there from Camillus, and originally from Rochester. Mrs. Clark is a member of the choir at the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she and her husband are firm supporters. Her husband is also a musician, having for many years played second tenor in the band; but the weight of business cares made it necessary to sacrifice this pleasure.

Mr. Clark deserves much success and the approbation of all who know him for the energy and enthusiasm which he has used in all his undertakings, both for the public good and his own personal advancement. Beginning at an early age to take care of himself, besides doing much toward the support of his father's family, he has taken advantage of every circumstance which presented an opening for increased activity and usefulness, and by his own efforts has become the influential man and good citizen that he is to-day.

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**T**HOMAS A. GAYLORD, the retired foundryman of Auburn, N.Y., is one of the old Gaylord family of Oneida County.

He was born at Hartford, Oneida County, September 15, 1814, and was the son of Benjamin and Polly Gaylord. When Thomas was fifteen years old, he came to Auburn, and learned the trade of iron-moulder, at which he worked for some years before building the foundry at the corner of State and Water Streets. The first foundry in this city, which was where the Osborne House now stands, was owned by David B. Talcott, and employed but four men. Mr. Gaylord and his brother built the second one, opposite the brewery. In this foundry, a building only fifty feet by fifty-two feet, they employed five or six men, and made the well-known Peckham and Premium stoves, which have been very popular, and for which there is still an extensive demand. After some years Mr. T. A. Gaylord sold out all his Auburn property to his brother John; and, seeing an excellent opening for his trade in Newark, N.J., he went there as foreman of eighty men in the foundry, and while he was there the trade grew to such an extent that, from melting three tons a week, they melted twenty-five tons a day, all being under the direct supervision of Mr. Gaylord. In 1870 he left Newark, and, returning to this State, bought a farm of eighty-three acres in the town of Sennett. Improving that until 1881, he then sold it, and came to Auburn, and bought the estate at No. 123 Franklin Street and No. 25 Capitol Street. He has dealt extensively in property in Auburn, and besides the foundry has built several fine residences.

Mr. Gaylord married Charlotte M. Marsh,



of New Hartford, who died in 1892, leaving one child, Charles H. Gaylord, an old soldier of Cowan's Battery. Another son, Herod M., a graduate of the Military Academy at Annapolis, Md., was in the United States Navy, and died during the late war.

Mr. Gaylord is favorably known throughout this county, as a man of great industry and enterprise, who has done much to increase the commercial interests of the vicinity. Having thoroughly learned his trade when a boy, and having worked steadily and faithfully at it for many years, his experience is considered very valuable in all matters pertaining to the iron interests. He is a man much respected by all who know him, and now in the autumn of his life can look back upon many years of useful toil and varied experience.

**J**ASON G. ATWATER, a well-known and much respected resident of Genoa, is also a native of that place, having been born there September 26, 1837, son of Alonzo E. Atwater. The paternal grandfather, John G. Atwater, was a native of Connecticut, and came to Cayuga County, New York, at an early period in its history, taking up land for the purpose of farming near what is now the Tompkins County line. He belonged to the hardy class of pioneers, and did his share in opening up the county and helping to develop its resources. His son, Alonzo E., was born in Genoa, and learned the trade of stone-mason; but, having obtained a substantial education in the district

school at Genoa, he occupied himself for many years, during the winter months, in teaching school. Later in life he gave up his trade of stone-mason, and engaged in farming, in which occupation he was very successful. He chose for his wife Miss Tamer Benjamin; and they became the parents of five children — namely; Morton, Norman, Jason G., Hudson, and Emily. Of these Norman is deceased, Morton is now a resident of Loch Haven, Pa., Hudson of Seneca Falls, N.Y., and Emily resides in Genoa.

Jason G. Atwater was educated in the schools of his native town, and obtained a fair amount of practical knowledge, which he has since supplemented by reading and observation. He took up farming and dealing in produce, and by means of foresight, energy, and honest methods has established and built up a large and paying business. He also occupies the position of railroad agent at King's Ferry for the Cayuga Lake Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, having served the company in this capacity since the road was built. His business talent, shrewd common sense, and honest dealing have been recognized by his fellow-townsmen; and he was called upon by them to serve as Supervisor and Commissioner of Highways, which offices he held for three years, to the public satisfaction. He is a Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

In 1862 Mr. Atwater was united in marriage to Mary E. Tilton, daughter of Jona and Sophia (Latourette) Tilton, of Genoa. Their



union has been blessed by the following children: Fred, who married Miss Florene Bradley, and has two children — Emily E. and Ward; Dwight, who occupies the responsible position of Postmaster at Clear View; Roy; Dayton; and Sophia.

Mr. Atwater is a man in the prime of life, and is popular among his fellow-citizens. He is devoted to the interests of his town; and his influence and assistance are always sought and obtained whenever any project is afoot for the physical or moral betterment of the community. In business affairs he is recognized as capable and trustworthy; and his home life is that of a typical American — a faithful husband and careful provider and an affectionate father. Happy is the community that possesses many of Mr. Atwater's stamp and personal characteristics.

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**C**HARLES D. BENTON, farmer, of Ira, N.Y., now in his sixty-seventh year, may perhaps be classed among the older native-born citizens of this county who are still living within its limits. He grew with its growth, and, since attaining manhood, has been a potent factor in the great work that has resulted in placing Cayuga County in a leading position among the rich farming regions of the Empire State. The town of Ira, where his birth occurred April 15, 1828, is still his home; and his beautiful farm, on which he has lived for nearly half a century, compares favorably in point of cultivation and improvement with the best in the

locality. He comes of good New England stock, and is the son of an honored pioneer of this county, his father, Allen Benton, having settled here in 1811.

Allen Benton was born in the old Bay State in 1789, and among New England's rugged hills was reared to man's estate. On attaining his majority, he left the parental home, and, turning his face Westward, wended his way to this part of New York. Soon after his arrival occurred the War of 1812, into which he was drafted, but did not serve. In his Massachusetts home he had laid the foundation for his excellent education; and, after settling here, he spent some time in teaching, being very successful in his pedagogical efforts. His inclinations tending toward a medical career, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Squires, an old and esteemed physician of this county, remaining with him two or three years. Mr. Benton subsequently removed to Ira Hill, making his home with Deacon Phelps for a time. While a resident of that part of Ira, he was united in marriage to Deborah Willey, their nuptials being solemnized July 22, 1819. He then turned his attention toward agriculture, buying first a small tract of land; and, being successful in its cultivation, as time rolled on, he added more land by purchase, until his homestead contained six hundred and fifty acres, being one of the most extensive in the vicinity. The land was then in its primeval condition, and its reduction to a state of tillage seemed an almost Herculean task. The nearest markets were many miles away, and



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the only means of transportation were with teams. Bears, wolves, deer, and smaller game abounded; and the Indians, principally of the Onondaga tribe, were only too neighborly. Allen Benton was an energetic, enterprising man, and in the work of clearing and improving his farm never faltered. He labored with unremitting toil; and, as the huge forest trees fell before the blows of his axe, each succeeding year added to his tillable land, the wild woods gradually giving place to well-cultivated and productive fields. As a farmer, he was classed among the most active and progressive of any in the locality, and was the most skilled doctor in his locality, following his profession many years. As a citizen, he was one of the most prominent and influential in the neighborhood. He lived to the venerable age of eighty-eight years, dying in the village of Cato in 1877. His wife, who preceded him to the better world, passed away at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mrs. Allen Benton, who was born in the town of East Haddam, Conn., was a daughter of Abraham Willey, one of the original settlers of this county, he having established himself at Benton's Corners in 1809, and with the other pioneers of the place endured all the hardships and privations that accompany life in an undeveloped country. He bought a tract of wild land, and devoted his energies to its improvement, with resolution and pluck overcoming all obstacles in his way. On the farm which he cleared, watching with gratification its change from a timber-covered land, the resort of Indians and

wild beasts, to a rich and grain-yielding farm, he lived for many years a useful and valued member of the community. He spent his last days in Ira, dying there in 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Benton reared a family of five children, namely: Heman, who lives in the town of Ira; Allen R., a resident of Indiana; Mrs. Matilda W. Shepherd, of Connecticut; Charles D., of Ira; and James D., who died at the age of fifty-five years.

Charles D. Benton acquired the rudiments of his education in the district schools of Ira, and subsequently pursued his studies for two terms at the Fulton Academy. In common with other farmers' sons, he early obtained practical experience in the different branches of agriculture, and at the age of twenty-two years began life on his own accounts. He was more fortunate than most country youths; for he was the recipient of a substantial legacy, his aunt having willed to him one hundred and fifty acres of land. On this he began his agricultural career, having since successfully carried on farming and stock-raising on quite an extensive scale. He is a worthy representative of the prosperous farmers of this vicinity, and has been conspicuously identified with the best interests of the town and county. He is a man of unusual intelligence, one who reads the papers and has a good knowledge of affairs; and his estimable character, as well as his capacity, has given him an important place among his fellow-townsmen. He is a Republican from conviction, and has served most creditably as Assessor for several years. He belongs to



the Farmers' Grange, No. 592, of Ira; and he and his wife are valuable members of the Church of the Disciples.

On December 19, 1853, Mr. Benton was united in marriage to Asenath M. Noble, who was born in Cato, June 5, 1834, being a daughter of William B. and Amelia Noble, neither of whom is now living. Mr. Noble, who was a pioneer merchant of Cato, died in Syracuse, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife when forty years old. They reared a family of five children, of whom four are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Benton have two children: Alice, the widow of Clarence Dickinson; and James N. — both living at home with their parents. The domestic life of the family in their commodious residence, which was built in 1879, is one of comfort and happiness, augmented by the esteem and confidence of their many friends and acquaintances.

Those to whom Mr. Benton's face is familiar will not need the evidence of his name to identify his portrait on another page.

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**C**URTIS C. RUMSEY, a prominent stage-route owner of Port Byron, was born in the town of Victory, April 26, 1835, son of Calvin and Sophronia (Enos) Rumsey. The father was also a native of Victory, born in 1807, and was a son of Joseph Rumsey, who was one of the early settlers of the town, having come there when it was a wilderness. Sophronia Enos was born at Oxford, Chenango County, N.Y., in 1811,

and was brought by her parents to Victory in 1817. Her father, Roswell Enos, was born in 1787 at what is now Binghamton. He was a Justice of the Peace and member of the Assembly from this county. Calvin Rumsey died April 29, 1848, leaving two children: Curtis C.; and Sarah S., wife of Dr. C. C. Cady, of Sennett Corners.

Curtis C. Rumsey was educated in Victory at the village school. His father dying early, he went to work when he was fifteen years old, driving a stage, his first route being from Victory to Oswego, making the trip in one day. He continued on that route for two years, afterward for seven years driving from Victory to Auburn. This continued until his marriage on September 10, 1856, to Miss Emily B. Ketchum, of Mentz, when he removed to Sennett, and engaged in farming for two years. Later he moved to Weedsport, and bought a stage route from Auburn to Meridian, driving from Weedsport to Auburn. He sold the route after a successful run of one year, and, going thence to Montezuma, engaged in farming for fifteen years. He then bought the 'bus route to the railway station, subsequently purchasing the daily route from Spring Lake to Auburn, which he has successfully conducted for nine years, keeping from seventeen to twenty horses in the service, the old farm at Montezuma being also retained. Mr. Rumsey is a member of Port Byron Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M.

Mrs. Rumsey was born August 14, 1840, in the town of Covert, Tompkins County, and is the daughter of George M. and Jane B.



(Filkins) Ketchum. Her father was born in Orange County, New York, but spent his early life in Starkey, Yates County. He there married Miss Filkins, and afterward moved to Tompkins County, where he was engaged in farming four years. He then went to Montezuma, and finally to Mentz, Cayuga County. At the present time he makes his home with his son-in-law. Mrs. Ketchum died July 1, 1864, leaving two children — Emily B. and Elizabeth, wife of Moses Cornwell, of Winona, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey have one child — Mary, wife of John B. Haight, of Port Byron. She is the mother of two children — Gracia and Curtis J. Haight.

Mr. Rumsey is a member of the Baptist church, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have a very pleasant home, which they built in 1879. Both Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rumsey are held in the highest respect and esteem. They have travelled quite extensively in their native country, having been several times to the State of Minnesota, and also having visited the Columbian Exposition and seen the wonders of the "White City," and have thus gained considerable experience of the outside world, essentially broadening their views thereby.

**J**EREMIAH D. LONG, one of the leading grocermen of the city of Auburn, with store at 151 State Street, was born August 10, 1849, in County Limerick, Ireland. He was brought to Auburn by his

parents, Bartholomew and Mary (Quaid) Long. He was but eighteen months old, the father making his home in this city until his death, which took place June 16, 1888. Mrs. Long died about eighteen years before her husband, in 1860. A family of four children were born to them, all of whom are residents of Auburn, namely: Jeremiah D., the subject of this sketch; Ellen, wife of Patrick Quirk; Hannah; and Mary. The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Jeremiah D. Long was educated in the public schools of this city, and afterward served an apprenticeship with John Curtis, where the Osborne House now stands. In 1876 he started in business for himself, commencing first in a small way on Van Auden Street, where he continued until 1879, when he moved to his present location, and soon after bought the fine brick block built by Colonel Carpenter. His business increasing rapidly, Mr. Long has been compelled twice to build an addition to his store, which now has a depth of ninety-eight feet, also using the second floor as a store-room. In addition to his large grocery business, which employs five clerks, he is largely interested in real estate, having built two good dwelling-houses, besides buying others. His business has precluded him from being an aspirant for public office.

Mr. Long is a member of St. Mary's Church and Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. He was married October 30, 1876, to Miss Mary A. Burns, of Bay City, Mich. Six children have blessed this union; namely, Ger-



trude, B. Frank, Nellie, Bernardine, Mary, and Joseph. Mr. Long built a pleasant residence on Seymour Street, which he has occupied since his marriage. By his own efforts he has established his business and present standing in society, and is now reckoned among the most successful merchants of the city of Auburn.

**F**LEN D. FLINN occupies a position in the front rank among the breeders of fine stock in this section of the country, making a specialty of raising trotting horses. That success has crowned his intelligent efforts need not be told to those who have watched the growth and progress of his business, the size and character of his excellent stud being a credit to his knowledge, foresight, and judicious management of his interests.

His mother, Mrs. Mary J. Flinn, widow of the late Samuel Flinn, is descended from a prominent New England family, her grandfather, Elijah Perry, having been a native of Connecticut. He passed the earlier part of his life in that State, whence at a later period he emigrated to this county, becoming a pioneer of Fleming. He made the trip across the country with a team, bringing his family with him, and, after arriving in Fleming, bought a large tract of land, which he improved, continuing in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Lois Wilkinson, of Connecticut; and they reared six children — Ira, Eliza, Orange, Truman, William, and Polly.

William Perry, the fifth of these children, was an infant when his parents brought him to Fleming, and consequently had no recollections of any other home. He attended the pioneer schools of the town, between sessions helping his father on the farm. In this manner he became accustomed to the labors attendant upon a farm life, and remained on the homestead, performing his full share of the work, until his marriage, at the age of twenty-two years. Then, buying a farm in Fleming, he continued in his chosen occupation, and remained a resident of that town during his life. The maiden name of his wife was Mary White. She was a daughter of Jonas and Anna (Russell) White, of Auburn; and to them were born three children: A. Eliza; Harriet Janet; and Mary Jane, Mrs. Flinn. Eliza married John Gildersleeve, of Scipio, and has one child, Frank. Harriet married Henry Van Arsdale, and has three children — William, Kate, and Fred.

Mary J. Perry, youngest child of William and Mary Perry, was reared to maturity in the home of her parents, who gave her good educational advantages, sending her to the academy at Auburn after she had completed her studies in the district school. Her mother, who was an exceptionally fine housekeeper, gave her a practical training in the domestic arts, well fitting her for the position which she afterward occupied as the head of her husband's household. In 1855 she became the wife of Samuel Flinn, a son of Peter and Castilla (Richardson) Flinn, natives of Rochester, N.Y. Samuel Flinn was a farmer



by occupation; and after marriage he lived on the homestead of his father, later becoming the owner. Here he engaged in general agriculture, carrying it on most successfully until his death, which occurred in 1873. He was a citizen of irreproachable character, and always stood high in the estimation of the community as an honorable, upright, and trustworthy man, a devoted husband, and an affectionate father. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat, as are his sons. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Flinn three children were born: Marion P., who died at the age of four years; Glen D.; and Edward R., born January 11, 1867.

Glen D. Flinn was born on November 23, 1860, in the town of Springport, Cayuga County, where he gleaned his education, first treading the paths of knowledge in its public schools, and afterward attending the Friends' Academy. Reared on the paternal homestead, he early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, working on the home farm until 1888. Three years prior to this time, however, Mr. Flinn, who had always been interested in the raising of fine stock, formed a partnership with J. B. Burlew, and made a specialty of raising blooded horses, the partnership continuing until 1893, when Mr. Flinn assumed full charge of the business. He has raised many noted trotting horses, among them being: Tina B., sold to J. E. Thayer, of Boston; Consolation, the first three-year-old with a record of 2.29 and 2.30 in the county; Gold Boy, 2.23½; Burlew Honey Bee, 2.26½; Lady Bug, 2.26; and

Sunshine, 2.30½—all of which have come into prominent notice in the horse world. Mr. Flinn, who trains and drives his own horses, has no superior on the track in handling the ribbons—a fact which is recognized, and which accounts for much of his success.

In 1887 Mr. Flinn was united in marriage with Minnie L. Capen, the daughter of Luman and Theresa (Lowry) Capen, of Springport; and to gladden their hearts and enliven their pleasant home two children have been born—Marion J. and Glen C. Mr. Flinn and his estimable wife are people of high social consideration in the community where they have so long lived, their genial courtesy and generous hospitality attracting a large circle of friends. The beautiful home in which they entertain their numerous guests was built in 1887, and is a credit to their excellent taste, and an ornament to the neighborhood. The substantial barn, one hundred feet by forty feet, built at the same time, was destroyed on June 16, 1892, but was rebuilt the same year. Mr. Flinn is a staunch Democrat politically, and has served as Trustee in his school district for four terms. He is a Mason, being a member of Warren Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M.

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**W**ILLIAM R. TRYON, a well-known resident of Fleming, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in the town of Owasco, in this county, December 12, 1819. His father, Levi S. Tryon, was a native of Connecticut, but came to this State when



quite young, and engaged in farming, and also worked at his trade of clothier in the town of Clarksville, Cayuga County. He afterward purchased a mill at Owasco, which he conducted with marked success until he attained the age of sixty-five years, when he sold the mill to the Owasco Canal Company, reserving the right to use the property for a time. He then purchased a tract of land, about one hundred acres in area, and farmed the same until his death, which took place in his eighty-third year. Levi S. Tryon was married to Miss Z. Hayden, by whom he had ten children, four sons and six daughters; namely, Dennis, Levi, Emily, Susan, Sally, Mary, Hannah, William R., Betsy, and Horatio.

William R., the third son and eighth child of his parents, was reared and received his early education in the town of Owasco, but since the age of seventeen has been a resident of Fleming. He looked after his father's farm until he was twenty-eight years of age, at which time he married Miss Esther Gregory, when he settled on a neighboring farm. Miss Gregory was born in 1828, and was a daughter of Zadoc and Marilla (Day) Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tryon have had four children—Howard, Oscar, Grace, and Jennie. Mr. Tryon has been a Republican since the formation of the party, and is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has never occupied any public office, being too busy looking after his well-kept farm to aspire to any public position. He has always been a busy man, and is still remarkably hale and active for one of his years,

and is known all over the county as a man of the strictest honor and integrity.



SCAR TRYON, attorney and counsellor-at-law of No. 51 Genesee Street, Auburn, N.Y., was born in the town of Fleming, Cayuga County, August 11, 1855, and is the son of William R. and Esther O. (Gregory) Tryon. The father was engaged in farming, and was a native of Owasco, in this county, where he was born on December 11, 1819. William's father, Levi S. Tyron, came to this county from Connecticut, at the beginning of the present century, and started the first woollen-mills in the county. He occupied the position of Justice of the Peace for the town of Owasco, which was then called Aurelius. He raised a family of eight children, as follows: Dennis; William R.; Horatio S.; Emily, wife of David Hamilton; Susan, wife of John Watkins, who was associated with Mr. Tryon in the manufacture of woollens; Sara L., wife of William Ocobock, for a long time a resident of Auburn; Mary, wife of Austin Haines; and Betsy, wife of Erastus Strong, of Virgil, N.Y. William R., the father of Oscar Tryon, remained at the woollen-mills for some time, afterward moving to the town of Fleming, where he still resides. He has been a Justice of the Peace for eight years, and is a Republican in politics, but has never been an aspirant for public office. Miss Esther O. Gregory, whom he married, was the daughter of Zadoc Gregory, of Fleming, and



was born in that town in 1829. Four children were the fruit of their union, namely: Howard, who is now a successful farmer; Oscar Tryon; Grace M.; and Jennie.

Oscar Tryon received his first schooling at the town of Fleming and the Auburn Academy, graduating from the latter in the class of 1878. In the fall of the same year he took a course of study in the Bryant & Stratton Business College, Buffalo, N.Y., and the following year worked on a farm. In January, 1880, he began the study of law with Frank D. Wright, Esq., of Auburn, and after four years' diligent study was admitted to the bar by examination held at Rochester in October, 1884. He located his office for practice at No. 85 Genesee Street, Auburn, and has been eminently successful in the prosecution of his professional duties. During his years of study he was Court Crier, and also Special Deputy County Clerk, under the Hon. B. M. Wileox. Mr. Tryon has also been a candidate for the office of District Attorney.

Mr. Tryon was married to Miss Catherine Myer, of this city, on September 26, 1888; and they have one child, a daughter Olive. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tryon are supporters of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Tryon has long been a member.

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**A**ARON BOWEN, a highly respected member of the farming community of the town of Fleming, may well be venerated as one of the pioneers of Cayuga County, having resided here since 1810,

when, at the tender age of fifteen months, he was brought here by his parents. He was born among the rugged hills of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass., December 15, 1808, a son of Seth Bowen, of that town, and a grandson of Aaron Bowen, who was born in New England, of Welsh ancestry. The grandfather was a farmer in his New England home, and for many years pursued his peaceful but laborious occupation in the quiet town of Cheshire. In 1810 the elder Bowen, accompanied by his family, emigrated to this county, and, buying a tract of land in the town of Fleming, here engaged in general farming until called to his long rest, when seventy-eight years of age. He was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Lucy May, bearing him four children, one of whom was the father of the subject of this sketch.

Seth Bowen lived in Massachusetts until after his marriage, and in 1810 came with his parents and his family to this part of the Empire State, making the removal with teams, the only mode of travelling in those days; and, the various streams between this county and Albany not being bridged, he had to ford them. Albany, one hundred and fifty miles away, was the nearest market; and for some years the surplus produce of the farm had to be teamed there. Auburn was then a small hamlet with one general store, and known as Hardenburg's Corners. Seth Bowen bought eighty acres of land, which are now included in the homestead of his son Aaron, thirty acres being then partially cleared, a log



house and barn constituting the other improvements. This humble log structure was the dwelling-place of the family for some years, but was subsequently replaced by a frame house in which Mr. Bowen resided until his decease, at the age of forty-eight years. While in his Massachusetts home, he married Sally Vaughn, a native of Vermont, who also passed away when in middle life, dying at the age of forty-six years. Of the children born of their union nine grew to maturity; namely, Jemima, Erastus, Aaron, Lucy, Daniel, Eliza, Polly, Maria, and Sarah.

Aaron Bowen, the second son of Seth and Sally, having been so young when he came to this county, has no remembrance of any other home, his first recollections being the heavily timbered land of this vicinity, with here and there an opening on which stood the log cabin of some pioneer settler. There were neither railways nor canals in those days, and few public highways. The now populous cities and thriving villages of this locality were then small hamlets, giving slight indication of their future growth and prosperity. As he grew in stature and in years; the lad busied himself with pioneer labor on the farm; and his mother and sisters cheerfully performed their part, carding and spinning and weaving the cloth from which with their own hands they fashioned the garments of the entire family. At the age of twenty-one years Aaron began life for himself, even with the world. He first worked as a farm laborer, receiving nine dollars a month wages. On the death of

his father he returned to the home farm, and assumed its management. After having charge of it for a while, he bought out the interests of the other heirs to the estate, and has since resided here. He has carried on general agriculture with good results, success crowning all of his undertakings, and, having purchased more land, has now a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy acres, one-half mile from the town limits.

Mr. Bowen was united in wedlock January 30, 1833, to Mary Ball, who was born in the town of Fairfield, Herkimer County, N.Y., August 25, 1807, being a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Ketchum) Ball. She lived but a few years after her marriage, dying November 16, 1839. On January 26, 1840, Mr. Bowen married Hannah Ball, a sister of his first wife. She was born in Sophiasburg, Prince Edward's County, Can., May 1, 1816. Her father, it is thought, was born in New York State, a son of Zerubbabel Ball. He emigrated to Canada, and, after following the trade of a mason there for some years, returned to this State, and resided in different localities within its limits. He finally returned to Canada, and there spent his last years with one of his sons. His wife, formerly Hannah Ketchum, was a native of one of the States, and died in Buffalo.

Into the household of Mr. Bowen five children were born, the following being their record: Seth L. Bowen married Caroline Pease, and has no children. Mary, who married Charles Stephenson, has no children. Olive married John Reed, and has one child—



Emma. Henry D. married Louisa Lech; and they have one child—Belle. Winfield Scott has been twice married, his first wife having been Josephine Robinson, and his second, Josephine (Lockwood) Hawley. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen belong to the Baptist church, and are ever zealous in all good and charitable works, and hold an honored place in the estimation of their neighbors and friends. In his early years Mr. Aaron Bowen was a Whig in politics, but since the organization of the Republican party has been an ardent supporter of its principles.

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**C**HARLES L. SWIFT, M.D., one of the active medical practitioners of the city of Auburn, N.Y., was born at Mainetown, Broome County, N.Y., November 28, 1850, son of Alonzo and Amanda L. (Smith) Swift. Alonzo Swift is a well-known farmer of Broome County, as was his father Jesse, who came from New England in the early days, and took up land where Lestershire now stands. The Swift strain is patriotic and military. Jesse Swift was the son of a veteran of the Revolutionary War; and he himself served in the War of 1812 and in the Mexican War. In the war of the Southern Rebellion Alonzo Swift enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, and served with distinction, being severely wounded at Chancellorsville. He is still a resident of Broome County. Mrs. Swift was a native of Cortland County, and in her girlhood

attended the old Cortlandville Academy at Homer. She departed this life February 8, 1874.

Charles L. Swift, having received his early education at the common school of his native town, learned the machinist's trade in the old Hoyt shops at Mottville, and afterward worked at that trade in Syracuse for about fifteen years. Desirous of becoming a physician, he read medicine with Dr. C. W. Boyce, of Auburn, and afterward attended lectures at Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, at which he was graduated in the class of 1881. He returned to Auburn, and located his office in the north-west part of the city, where he has a fine practice, his residence now being at 159 Van Auden Street. Dr. Swift is a member of the Central New York Homœopathic Society, and the Cayuga County Homœopathic Medical Society, of which he has been Secretary for several terms. He married April, 1872, Miss Elizabeth Brazee, of Chenango Forks, daughter of Truman Brazee, and has two children living—Maud H. and Fred C. Dr. and Mrs. Swift are members of the Disciples' Church of Auburn. The Doctor is universally esteemed, and has gained the name of being a diligent student in his profession, and a trustworthy medical adviser. He is an ardent lover of music, devoting much of his spare time to its study, being an active worker in the principal musical societies of the city, and for many years chorister in his own church, which lays claim to some of the best musical talent of the city.



**S**AMUEL TOWNSEND, a highly esteemed veteran farmer of the town of Conquest, was born in Greenville, Greene County, N.Y., December 8, 1812, amid the throes of the second contest with the mother country. His grandfather, John Townsend, was a farmer who removed from Dutchess to Greene County among the first settlers; but hardly had he cleared a few acres of land and put up a log house, when he died very suddenly.

He, however, left a son Robert, who inherited and carried on the farm till his own death, aged seventy-six. Robert Townsend's wife was Polly Staunton, one of the three children of John Staunton, of New Baltimore, Greene County; and they reared seven children, of whom Samuel was the second. The eldest, John, was named for his paternal grandfather. The others were Jane, Edward, Addie H., George, Maryette. Their mother spent her last years in Reidsville, Albany County. The family belonged to the Christian denomination.

Samuel Townsend went to school, farmed, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time in Greenville, in fact till his removal to Scipio, where he purchased a small farm, at the same time attending to carpentry. Later he bought a hundred-acre farm near by, where he lived nine years. To the village of Emerson he came in 1861, just as the Rebellion broke out, and there bought a farm, which he devoted in part to general crops, but especially to raising the finest Jersey cattle. In 1835, while living in Greene

County, he married Eliza Bullock, daughter of Smith Bullock. She died at the expiration of six happy years, leaving one child, Mary, married to Chester Bush. Mr. Townsend's second wife, whom he married in 1842, was Mrs. Harriet Calhoun, daughter of Albert and Sarah Waring. By this marriage there are two children — Emily L. and George. Emily is the wife of Alvin Marvin, a Conquest farmer; and they have four children — William, George, Alma, Florence. George is deceased. Mr. Townsend's second wife died in 1882, after forty years of wedlock. Then he married a third wife, Sarah Bates, who died February 2, 1889. The thrice bereaved husband now took to himself a fourth companion, Mrs. Helen Case, daughter of Austin Cutler, of Sempronius, who was the son of Bradley Cutler. Bradley's father was Justice Cutler; and both were farmers from Herkimer County, who came to Cayuga County as pioneers. Austin Cutler was a carpenter and joiner. He plied his trade in different parts of the county, and died at the age of fifty-nine. Mrs. Austin Cutler was Rhoda Mather, a native of Sempronius, in this county; and they had five children. Helen, the eldest, is the wife of Samuel Townsend. The others are Sabra, Wealthy, John, Lois. The mother spent her last years in Madison County, where she died, aged fifty-nine. The family belonged to the Christian denomination, but Grandfather Cutler was for many years a Baptist Deacon.

Mr. Samuel Townsend is a Republican. Though never an aspirant for office, he has



been a Justice of Peace. For a quarter-century he has been a Deacon in the Christian church. His wife is a reader of the best books, and ready to aid and abet every plan which commends itself to her superior intelligence. Her first marriage was with Milon L. Case, son of Daniel Case, and had borne three children—Alma, Adah, and Marion. Alma is deceased. Adah is the wife of Fred J. Schwartz, of Chenango County, New York; and they have one son, Milon. Marion Case lives with her mother.

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**A**MOS MOSHER. Among the well-to-do agriculturists of Cayuga County, those who have succeeded through individual effort and wise economy in acquiring a handsome property, both real and personal, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is deserving of mention. He is actively engaged in the pursuit of his chosen calling on his rich and productive farm, in the town of Scipio, where he holds a worthy place among its citizens of enterprise and business sagacity. He is a native of Cayuga County, Ledyard being the place of his birth, which occurred on the 12th of September, 1840. Mr. Mosher is of New England extraction, the first ancestor bearing the family name, who emigrated from England, having settled in Connecticut, where Hugh Mosher, from whom Amos is descended, was born. Hugh's son, Ephraim Mosher, was born in that State in 1726, and, after arriving at manhood, removed to New York, taking up

his abode in Dutchess County, where his son Amos and his grandson, Edgar Mosher, the father of the present Amos, were ushered into the world. (For further parental history see sketch of Edgar D. Mosher, which may be found on another page of this biographical volume.)

Amos Mosher, to whom this brief narrative mostly relates, had excellent educational advantages in his youth, attending the schools of his native town, and later pursuing his studies in the Friends' Academy at Union Springs. After working on the parental homestead for several years, he and his brother, Edgar D. Mosher, bought a farm together, and managed it with success for three or four years. Abandoning the pursuit of agriculture for a while, Amos then entered the livery business at Union Springs, in connection with which he drove the stage from that town to Auburn for three years. In 1871 he returned to the old homestead in Ledyard, and, after remaining there three years, again invested in land, buying a farm on the Ridge road, his brother Edgar being associated with him in its purchase. They were prospered in their labors, and added other land from time to time by purchase, until they had an extensive and valuable farm, which under their judicious management yielded them good profits. In 1880 the brothers dissolved partnership; and Amos Mosher bought the farm where he now resides, in District No. 10 of the town of Scipio. He is a farmer of more than average ability, exercising rare skill and judgment in the management of his affairs; and his pleasant



homestead is a model of neatness and thrift, a credit to his industry, and an ornament to the locality. In political affairs Mr. Mosher has been a strong advocate of the principles promulgated by the Republican party since its formation, having cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. In social circles he and his family are regarded with esteem; and to the Methodist church, of which they are valued members, they contribute liberally.

In 1863 Mr. Mosher formed a matrimonial alliance with Olive A. Fuller, the daughter of Hezekiah and Mary (Ball) Fuller, of Aurelius, the latter of whom was the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hedding) Ball, who were early settlers of Cayuga County, coming from New Jersey to Mentz at a period when deer, wolves, and other wild animals were plentiful in the surrounding forests, and often committed depredations among the crops of the farmers. At one time Mrs. Ball found a deer and a young fawn with the cows; and, the deer being killed, she raised the fawn, keeping it for a pet many years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mosher has been blessed by the birth of four children. Glenn F. is an undertaker in Auburn. Clayton E. married Bertha Purcells, of Cayuga. The others are Cora E. and D. Ralph.

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**D**R. ALFRED F. HODGMAN, physician and surgeon of Auburn, N.Y., where he has been engaged in practice since October, 1888, was born at

Fort Edward, N.Y., July 19, 1865, and is the son of Alfred C. and Fannie A. (Fowler) Hodgman. Alfred C. Hodgman is a native of Fort Edward, and is at the present time a prominent merchant of that town. His father, Libbeus, was a resident of Fort Edward for many years, having moved there from Michigan. Jonathan Hodgman, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was a native of Vermont, and served with distinction in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Alfred C. Hodgman has been Supervisor of his native town, and is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as well as being superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mrs. Hodgman is also a member of the same church and denomination.

Dr. Hodgman pursued his studies for some time in the Collegiate Institute at Fort Edward, afterward reading medicine with Dr. Linendoll, of Fort Edward, and then attending medical lectures for three years at the Albany Medical College, graduating in the class of 1888. For a period of two years he was in the Swinburne Dispensary, and also completed six months' dispensary practice in the Albany Hospital under Dr. J. P. Boyd. In the fall of 1888 he came to the city of Auburn, and at first opened an office on Franklin Street, practising there for two years, eventually moving to No. 6 Williams Street, a more central location, where he is doing a fine general practice. Dr. Hodgman is a member of the Cayuga Medical Society, of which he is the present President. He is besides physician to the Cayuga County Orphan Asylum,



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and is also physician to the Free Dispensary of Auburn. He is a prominent member of Auburn Lodge, No. 431, A. F. & A. M., and a member of the David Royal Arch Chapter of Masons. He is also a member of the Wheeler Rifles, Second Separate Company, National Guard, of the State of New York, of which he is Surgeon, with the rank of First Lieutenant, having been appointed by Governor Flower, and was at the Buffalo State Camp with the company during the strikes in 1892.

An excellent portrait accompanies this outline sketch of Dr. Hodgman, who is an earnest and indefatigable worker in his profession, and during his short residence in Auburn has gained for himself high commendation as a worthy disciple of Æsculapius.

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**H**ON. CHARLES C. ADAMS is a prominent citizen of the village of Weedsport, where he is a dealer in grain and coal, the firm being known as C. C. Adams & Sons. He was born in Sennett, October 11, 1833, and was a son of Robert G. and Luraney (Arnold) Adams. His great-grandfather served with the Rodgers Rangers in the old French and Indian wars. His grandfather was Captain Jonathan Adams, who came to this county from Massachusetts, and settled in Sennett prior to the beginning of the present century, having previously been a drummer-boy in the Revolution. He took up a tract of land in Sennett, which he tilled assiduously until his death

in 1829, and was a leading man in the community. He left several children, and to his son Robert he bequeathed the old homestead.

This son Robert was born in Sennett, in 1798, and made that place his home, though he travelled much in the West and South, and died in early manhood, when his son Charles was only a fortnight old. Miss Luraney Arnold, whom he married in 1820, was born in the year 1800, in Fair Haven, Conn. Her father, Joseph Arnold, had also come to Sennett among the earliest settlers. Robert Adams had four children, of whom Charles C. was the youngest. The other sons were: Jonas M. Adams, who went to California, but afterward returned East, and died in Rochester; Robert G. Adams, Jr., who now lives in Weedsport; and the elder sister, Julia Arnold Adams, who married Hamilton Wilder, of Nebraska. The widowed mother afterward married the Rev. Thomas Brown, a Baptist clergyman, but still remained in Sennett for some time. By this marriage she had one child, Eliza Brown, who married Professor Daniels, of Grand Rapids, Mich. The mother died in Rochester in 1885, in the home of her son Jonas, who then lived in that city. The Adamses of these two generations were supporters of the Baptist church in Sennett.

After Charles had learned what he could in the Sennett schools, he attended the Weedsport High School, and then became a salesman in what was known as the Old Community dry-goods store. In this business he



remained till it was closed in 1858. During Abraham Lincoln's first administration Mr. Adams was appointed Postmaster of Weedsport, while he was also selling groceries and produce, having begun this trade in 1860. The office of Postmaster he retained six years, till Andrew Johnson succeeded to the Presidency, through Lincoln's assassination. As many prominent Republicans refused to follow President Johnson politically, Mr. Adams lost his place in the post-office, but was appointed one of the Revenue Collectors, when the income, stamp, and other war taxes were in operation, his territory covering the northern half of Cayuga County. This position he held for two or three years, in fact till the law was changed, and the office in this section was abolished. From 1887 to 1890 he was a Supervisor for the town of Brutus. He was Chairman of the Board in 1890, and had previously been on the Equalization Committee. The next year he was elected to the State Assembly, as the representative for the northern district of the county, on the Republican ticket, and was made a member of the railroad and other committees. This position brought him into collision with the Democratic leaders, especially Messrs. Sheehan, Murphy, and Croker, who, finding they could not coerce him into a support of a pet project of theirs, called the "Huckleberry Railroad Bill," undertook, though unsuccessfully, his political punishment. It is a cause of just pride with Mr. Adams that he has never asked an office or paid for it, and that he has never been defeated at the polls when once nomi-

nated. In Weedsport he has been President of the village and Trustee of the School Board for many years. He has also been an officeholder in the Presbyterian church, to which he belongs, and was superintendent of its Sunday-school for a quarter-century, resigning this duty in 1893. In 1856 he was made a Free Mason, and belongs to Weedsport Lodge; and he also belongs to King David Royal Arch Chapter in Auburn.

His marriage took place September 30, 1856, when he began mercantile life, his bride being Elizabeth K. Soles, daughter of Martin K. Soles, an old county settler, though Elizabeth was born in Throop in 1836, and was only twenty at the time of her wedding. She died September 29, 1886, and left two sons—Charles Marble and Willard G. Adams, both in business with their father. They have a warehouse in the village, another on the line of the New York Central Railroad, and a third at Port Byron, these buildings having a capacity for fifty thousand bushels of wheat. They also own a large coal-yard alongside the canal. As if this were not enough, Mr. Charles C. Adams also is connected with Hallet, Smith & Adams, a firm organized in 1891 for purchasing and shipping hay and potatoes; and he has put up many buildings.

In contemplating such a career, one feels like repeating the Shakspearean lines:—

"What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted?  
Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just:  
And he but naked, though locked up in steel,  
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupt."



**W**ILLON. WILLOUGHBY B. PRIDDY is now and has been for many years a wide-awake and influential farmer near Spring Lake, Cayuga County, N.Y.; but he was born in Westford, Otsego County, December 21, 1835, almost a Christmas gift to his parents, the Rev. James and Mary A. (Dowell) Priddy.

An earlier James Priddy was an English dissenting minister, of the Methodist persuasion, and never left his native land; but his son James, father of above-named, crossed the seas when he was about twenty-five. Having acquired the trade of shoemaking, for a while he worked thereat; though also exercising his oratorical gifts as a Methodist local preacher. For some years he preached in New York City, and afterward in Albany. Still later he took up the same work in Westford, where he passed the rest of his useful days, dying at the age of eighty-three, a shock of corn fully ripe, and lamented by a large circle of friends. His wife, who also died in Westford, but at the much earlier age of fifty-five, was an English woman, Mary A. Dowell. They were married before they emigrated; and they reared six children: William; Richard; Mary Ann, married to the Rev. Nathan R. Swift, of Conquest; Willoughby B., the subject of this sketch; David; James, named for both his father and grandfather. The father by a second marriage, with Miss Sarah Nail, had one son, Frank E. Priddy, an attorney in Adrian, Mich.

Willoughby remained at the Westford home till he was seventeen, attending school and

working out by the month. Then, leaving school, he continued thus working by the month, spending the first three years with his sister Mary's husband, who was a Methodist preacher on that circuit. Thinking he would strike out for himself, Willoughby now went to Michigan, where for two years he found employment in carpentry, a trade he also followed after his return to Cayuga County, at the age of twenty-two; but in a few years he reverted to agriculture, and when he was thirty-four purchased a part of his present farm, and bought the remainder in 1889. The estate now includes two hundred acres, whereon he has built a fine barn and commodious outbuildings, and is now erecting a beautiful country house of two stories, containing sixteen large rooms. Before this important purchase, however, at the age of twenty-three, in 1859, he married Lucy Cotten, daughter of David and Susan Cotten, farmers from Montgomery County. Mr. and Mrs. Priddy have never had any children. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Priddy is occupied a great deal of the time in settling estates, having five or six in charge most of the time.

As a Mason Mr. Priddy is a member of Cato Lodge, No. 141; of Morris Royal Arch Chapter, Port Byron; and of Salem Town Commandery, Auburn, N.Y. Twice he has been elected Justice of Peace, and five times Supervisor — in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1888, 1889. Twice he has served as Associate Justice, and twice has been elected to the State Assembly, in 1884 and 1885, by the Republican party.



While in this body he had charge of the local legislation for his district, and was a member of various important committees, including that on prisons. As a sincere and capable member of the Methodist Protestant church, to which his wife also belongs, Mr. Priddy is one of the Trustees of Adrian College, Michigan. It need scarcely be added that these responsible offices, which he has been repeatedly chosen to fill, show the esteem felt for him and the confidence reposed in him, not only by the community in which he has spent his useful life; but by the citizens of the other towns in the district.

**J**OHAN L. DAVIS. Since 1854 this gentleman has been in business in Port Byron, and is still a cigar manufacturer, giving employment to many hands, and wielding a great influence. He was born in the town of Mentz on April 28, 1836; and his parents were John P. and Mary (Short) Davis. The Davis family came from Wales in the latter part of the seventeenth century; but not much is known about these first-comers except that one of the two brothers went South, and from him the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis, was descended, while the other settled in the North, and from him, as perhaps it is needless to add, the Cayuga County branch inherit the name.

The father's native place was Montpelier, Vt.; and he was born in 1794, midway in Washington's second Presidential term. His wife was born in Calais, only eight miles

from Montpelier, in 1796, two years after her husband. They were married in 1815; and before the echoes of the War of 1812 had fairly died away, in 1816, they came to Port Byron, where he began business as a carpenter and joiner. This led him into larger work as a builder; for in every community, especially in a new country, the builder is a most important factor. Mr. Davis was not a house-builder, however, but a boat-builder, the newly dug canals, especially the Erie, on which Port Byron is located, creating a large demand for canal craft. By 1826 he was running a boat yard, having been among the earliest undertakers of this branch of business. The spot where he worked had not yet been named Port Byron, but there John P. Davis carried on the work till 1834. About that time, a year before the birth of his namesake boy, he bought a farm in the neighborhood, which he tilled for some time, though after a few years he preferred to make his home in the village. For many years he turned his talents to account as Highway Commissioner and as the Sealer of Weights and Measures, appointments which at last he had to shun, though forced upon him. In politics he was a Democrat; and in religion he was a Baptist, aiding in the construction of the meeting-house, and acting as Trustee till his death in 1877.

He left one child, to whom this sketch specially relates. First the lad went to school in Port Byron, and then to Richmondville Seminary. Returning home, he went into a partnership for the manufacture of cigars.



That is now forty years ago, so that no man in the town can boast a longer business record. Not only is Mr. Davis prominent in town affairs, but his shop affords work for fifteen or twenty people the year round. He has been several terms a Trustee of the village, and twice its President, in 1880 and 1885. He was Supervisor for Mentz in 1868, 1869, and 1870.

He had long felt the utter inadequacy of the public protection from fire. Not being able to stir up the people to any definite legal action, in 1872 or 1873 Mr. Davis circulated a subscription, and raised funds with which a reservoir was built on a hill one hundred and fifty feet high, the money to be paid back to the subscribers whenever the village should vote to pay it, pipe enough being laid at first to protect the business part of the city. A year or two later a law was passed allowing them to bond the village for ten thousand dollars, Governor Hoffman affixing his signature only after a petition was secured for it signed by a majority of the voters and tax-payers. After the village was bonded, the pipe was extended but a few hundred feet, until the election of Mr. Davis to the Presidency of the village in 1880. It was then farther laid, so as to protect every house in the village. In 1885, when Mr. Davis was again in office, the reservoir was enlarged, and a well was dug. As the Trustees could not be induced to buy a hook and ladder truck, rubber buckets, and other needed equipment, Mr. Davis again successfully circulated a subscription paper. The first hook and ladder company in town

was also organized by his efforts, there having previously been only an old-fashioned hose cart; and by his advocacy the new hose was properly housed.

His wife, whom he married in 1858, was Mary E. Dougherty, daughter of Samuel Dougherty, of Port Byron; but she died in 1875, leaving six children. Charles E. Davis was born in 1859, Adelmor S. Davis in 1861, Carrie I. Davis in 1866, Irvin M. Davis in 1873, Samuel John Davis in 1875, and Mary Estelle Davis in 1869. In 1875, December 9, Mr. Davis was wedded the second time, to Sevilla R. Randall, daughter of Harry Randall, an old resident of Port Byron; but no child has come of this marriage.

Well says Edmund Burke, and the sentiment is abundantly illustrated in Mr. Davis's career, "Enlightened self-interest, when well understood, will identify with an interest more enlarged and public." In politics he was a strong war Democrat, and did much to bring his fellow-townsmen up to the requirements of the government, and to arouse local patriotism. In all directions his deeds, as well as his words, have been a stimulus to the town's enterprise and industry. Though not so wealthy as he was a few years ago, for he is a free spender for the general good, he is called a well-to-do man, and has built more houses than any other private citizen hereabouts. He is an ardent politician and a shrewd manager. If the village of Port Byron had among its citizens more men with his brains and foresight, the town would enjoy a far greater degree of prosperity.



**A**LANSON BROWN was born at Genoa, N.Y., in 1814, and died in his native town, August 14, 1893. His father, Benjamin, was a native of Connecticut, and emigrated to Cayuga County in the early days of the settlement, bringing his family and household goods and other effects in wagons. He bought a farm east of Northville, in the town of Genoa. He was married to Abby Boughton, also a native of Connecticut, a descendant of an old family of that State; and the following children were born to them—namely, Sherman, John, Benjamin, Daniel, Alanson, Samuel, James, Sally, Abby, and Rachel—Samuel, the sixth son, being the only one now living.

Alanson, the fifth son of his parents, received his education at the district schools of Genoa. For some twenty years he engaged in the occupation of a boatman on the Erie Canal. During his later years he purchased a farm, and gave his whole attention to its cultivation. He built a fine residence on the property, which is now occupied by his widow. He was married in 1852 to Marion Tilton, the daughter of John and Patience (Rolf) Tilton, two children being the fruit of the union—Adell and Frank. Adell married Burton O. Shank, of Springport, and has one child, Guy. Frank died at the age of twenty-three.

Mr. Alanson Brown was a prominent member of the Masonic Order, and in politics was a Democrat. He was one of the most esteemed of Genoa's citizens. A loving husband and kind father, he left behind him a

name remembered for its quiet and unostentatious good deeds, which is more to be desired than riches. His wife's family, the Tiltons, were New Jersey people.

**D**ANIEL BROWN died in Genoa in April, 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years. Like his younger brother, the subject of the above sketch, he was educated in his native town, and was occupied as a boatman on the canal nearly all his life, retiring from active business a few years previous to his death. He was married in 1841 to Matilda Hilliard, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Rundic) Hilliard, to whom were born five children; namely, Helen, Fred, George, Walter, and Mordicai. Helen married Hudson Atwater, and had no family. Fred married Mary L. Kimberly, and has no children. George married Alvina Renz, and has one child, Emilie M. Brown.

Mr. Daniel Brown was a member of the Masonic Order, and in politics voted the Republican ticket. He was a man of quiet and homelike tastes, who performed his part in this world without any flourish of trumpets, and may well be termed one of nature's noblemen.

**F**URON CLOSE owns and occupies a fine and well-improved estate in District No. 3 in the town of Scipio, and is numbered among the well-to-do farmers who from small beginnings have built up valuable homesteads in this vicinity. Its acres of cultivated land and the substantial build-



ings with their excellent repairs are creditable to him, and indicate him to be a man of industry and energy, ever alert to take advantage of new methods for successfully carrying on his work. Scipio is the place of his nativity. He was born on January 20, 1828, and comes of New England stock, his father, Abel Close, having been a native of Connecticut.

Nathaniel Close, the father of Abel, who was born and reared in the State of Connecticut, was a tailor by trade. He emigrated to Cayuga County in the early part of the present century, and settled in Scipio, where he worked at his trade some years. He invested his money in a large farm, and, as soon as his sons grew old and strong enough to help him, turned his attention to agriculture. He had two wives, and reared a family of children, of whom two sons were veterans of the War of 1812.

Abel Close was very young when he came with his parents to Scipio, and what education he had he obtained in the schools of this town. In early life he became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and when ready to begin life on his own account he bought a tract of land bordering on Owasco Lake, and adjoining his father's on the west side; and there he improved a good homestead, living on it the remainder of his days. He married Sally Wadhams, the daughter of Caleb and Ruth Wadhams, who bore him ten children; namely, Erastus, Harriet, Horace, Caroline, Fay S., Hiram, Huron, Flora, Matilda, and Isaac. The youngest of these children, Isaac, died at three years of age, and six others later

in life. Only Huron and the two younger sisters, Flora and Matilda, are now living.

Huron, the fifth son, was educated in the public schools of his native town, and on the paternal homestead acquired a practical knowledge of agricultural labors, remaining on the home farm, and assisting in its management until thirty years of age. He then began farming on his own account, and has since then speculated somewhat in lands, having bought and sold four farms. That on which he now resides was formerly owned by Daniel Cornell, from whom he bought it in 1871; and he has since carried it on to great advantage, reaping good yearly incomes from its fruitful fields and verdant pastures.

On first becoming a landholder, Mr. Close took unto himself a most estimable woman for a life companion, being united in the holy bonds of matrimony in 1859 with Achsa J. Powers, daughter of Abram and Wealthy (Chaffee) Powers, of Sterling, Cayuga County. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: Eva S., who married Dr. George Slocum, of Genoa, and has three children—Herbert, Vernon, and Vaughn; Arthur P., who married Minnie Fox, of Scipio, and has one child, a daughter named Georgie; Hetty K.; and Herbert.

Mr. Close has spent the major part of his life in Scipio, although when a young man, before he had established domestic ties, he had a severe attack of the gold fever, which raged to a remarkable extent in some localities in the year 1849; and, going to California, he was engaged three years in mining.



The following five years he spent in the West, visiting different places; but, finding none that pleased him better than his old home, he returned and resumed his farming operations. He is a man of good business tact, and in all financial transactions has a strict regard for honor and veracity. In politics Mr. Close is a staunch Democrat. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1852 for Franklin Pierce.

**P**HILO CAMP, an enterprising agriculturist, lives on his farm, three miles west of the village of Cato, in the town of Victory, but was born in Windham Centre, Greene County, May 10, 1821. His grandfather, whose name he bears, Philo Camp, was also a farmer, and came to Rensselaerville, Rensselaer County, as a pioneer. A man of grand principles, he soon became active in town affairs, and, being made a Deacon and Elder in the Presbyterian church, served faithfully until his death. His mortal remains there lie buried. Grandfather Camp's wife, Mary Prince, was probably born in Connecticut, though the family were Scotch. Her best years were spent in the home of her son, Consider Camp, where she died, aged seventy. Five of the children she bore to Philo Camp grew to manhood and womanhood. One son, Hervey, studied with Dr. Hyde, and became well known as a physician in Windham Centre, where he spent his entire life, achieving special success in surgery. Harmon Camp was a farmer and tanner in the same village. Consider Camp

was a farmer in the same town. Mary lived to be an old lady, but never married.

There was evidently a classic vein in the Camp family; for not only did the grandfather bear the affectionate Greek name of Philo, but one son, the father of the second Philo, was called Homer. Till he attained his majority Homer Camp remained on the paternal farm, in Rensselaerville, where he was born, and attended the district school. Then he went to work on another farm belonging to his father, who had become an extensive landholder. Meanwhile the youth married, and in due time Philo the younger was born. When this babe was a few months old, in the fall of 1821, his father came on horseback to what is now the town of Victory, with instructions to clear a few acres, whereof eight were to be planted with wheat, and put up the customary log house. The owner followed the next spring, with the mother and the babe, as of old Joseph, Mary, and the young child journeyed into Egypt. The land was mostly covered with heavy timber, beech, maple, and basswood. The clearing necessarily went on for the few remaining years of Homer Camp's life, and was unfinished when he died, in 1828, aged thirty-one, when little Philo was but seven years old.

Homer's wife was Nancy Moshier, one of the four children (three sisters and one brother) of Joseph Moshier, an early settler in Dutchess County, who was not only a farmer, but a mechanic, and made grain-cradles and other such machines by hand. By her marriage with Homer Camp, Nancy



Moshier had four children — Philo, Lucina, Rosanna, and Harmon. She was an ambitious woman and a sagacious financier. Left with four children under eight years of age, in an unknown and almost wild country, she fought the life battle heroically and single-handed for two years, and then married James Quackenbush, of Victory, by whom she had four more children — Mehitabel, Margaret, Almira, and Stephen. After a time Mr. Quackenbush went West as a pioneer, while his wife remained in Victory, in the old home, with her eldest son, Philo. She indeed tried the West for a season, but returned to pass her latest years in the homestead, where she died at seventy-six, greatly respected for her noble qualities, and firm in the faith of the Christian Disciples' Church, to which she belonged.

The fatherless Philo naturally stayed with his widowed mother and stepfather, doing what he could about the place, and getting the rudiments of school education; but at sixteen he made up his mind to start out for himself. Carrying a handkerchief which contained all his worldly goods, he sought the ancestral region in Greene County, travelling by the Erie Canal, and the Abbey and Hudson Rivers. In Windham Centre he found his uncle, Harmon Camp, with whom he worked five years, helping in the tannery, and taking charge during his uncle's absence. In 1842, on attaining his majority, Philo returned to Victory, and took possession of the fifteen acres and the old barn which fell to his share in the division of the family land; but

he wished also to own the house his father had built, and worked with a will till he was able to buy out the other heirs. He cared for his mother, and eventually purchased her share also. Then he added other farms to his own, and built his present house and out-buildings, thus showing what energy and patience may do. Up to 1890 he personally carried on his vast estate, and still superintends it, but of late has employed an overseer; though at seventy-three he is still a wonderfully well-preserved man.

All this work was not done singly. On February 25, 1845, at the age of twenty-three, he married Charlotte Scott, daughter of Charles Y. and Fanny (McGraw) Scott, Vermonters, who settled in Victory at an early date with their five children, of whom Charlotte was the eldest, the other four being Abraham, Polly, Ransom, and Harry McGraw. There were three children born to Philo Camp by this marriage: Frances, married to Robert Wallace; Charles Philo; and John. But none of them are now living; and their mother died in 1864, after nineteen years of wedlock. Mr. Camp was married again to Theoda McIntyre, daughter of Philip and Betsey Ann (DeForest) McIntyre, old farming residents of Victory. By this marriage Mr. Camp has one son; Charles McIntyre, now on a neighboring farm, and married to Rosa Walker.

The second Mrs. Camp dying in 1890, Mr. Camp married on September 2, 1891, his third and present wife, Alice Wood, a daughter of Samuel C. and Jane (Martin) Wood.



Mrs. Wood was the first white child born in the old township of Cato, including what are now the towns of Victory, Cato, Conquest, and Ira. She and her husband reared twelve children: Martin, bearing his mother's family name; Mary, the wife of John Wolgamatt, of Kansas City, Mo.; A. B.; Emily, the wife of Mr. Mortimer, of this county; Rebecca, the wife of Dr. Johnson, of Illinois; Cyrus, who bears a historic and Bible name; Orlando, who has a Shakspearean name; Miranda, whose name is also Shakspearean, the wife of Chester Wemple; Mortimer; Alice, now the wife of Mr. Camp; Smith; and Dexter. The Woods were among the pioneers, and cleared a farm, still in the hands of the family, adjoining that now owned by Mr. Camp. The mother of all these children died at the age of sixty-one, and the father lived to be seventy-seven, both highly respected adherents of the Christian Disciples' Church. Mr. Wood was one of the many Whigs who organized the Republican party, was active in town affairs, and held the office of Supervisor.

Till 1861 the subject of this sketch was a Democrat, and cast his first vote for the man who was a rival candidate to William Henry Harrison; but the Rebellion converted him to Republicanism. He has been Overseer of the Poor, and was Supervisor in 1871 and 1872. The family belong to the United Presbyterian church at Victory, Mr. Camp being the ruling Elder. He acted for twenty years as Sunday-school superintendent; and his present wife for several years held the same office. Both are now teachers in the

school. Of such men and women America may well say with the Roman mother, "These are my jewels!"

CHARLES HIGGINS, a veteran of the late Civil War, in which he served as a very young volunteer, is one of the representative business men of the town of Montezuma, Cayuga County, having worked his way up to an enviable position in the community, and acquired a competency through his own merits and by the exercise of energy, enterprise, and perseverance. Mr. Higgins was born in the town of Savannah, Wayne County, N.Y., March 27, 1848. His father, Thomas Higgins, was a worthy, hard-working man. He died when quite young, leaving his wife, whose maiden name was Ellen O'Neil, with two little children — Charles; and a little sister named Nancy, who died at the age of nine years. Mrs. Ellen Higgins, who is yet alive, resides in Wayne County.

The subject of this personal history began the battle of life at a tender age, hiring himself out on a farm when only ten years old, to Eugene Traver, for whom he worked for two years, receiving in compensation his board and clothing. He next entered the employment of Lewis D. Fenlon, a merchant of Montezuma, who dealt in general merchandise, receiving six dollars a month in the summer season, and in the winter working for his board and attending school. On December 21, 1863, a beardless youth of fifteen summers, he enlisted in Company A, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, under Captain



J. W. Snyder, who was afterward for gallant conduct promoted to the rank of Colonel. Though young in years, Private Higgins was a brave and patriotic soldier, and was an active participant in many of the most hotly contested battles of the Rebellion, being in the battle at Cold Harbor, and in the one at Monocacy, where Colonel Seward was wounded, and afterward at Cedar Creek, Winchester, South Side of Weldon Railway, Petersburg, Hatch's Run, Sailor's Creek, and other important engagements, never fearing nor faltering in his duty. On the 10th of October, 1865, Mr. Higgins received his honorable discharge, and returned to this county. While in the service of his country, he contracted a disease of the eyes, granulation of the lids, from which he is still suffering.

After returning from the scenes of the conflict, he resumed his studies in the village schools at Montezuma. On May 12, 1866, he entered the employment of William Thorn, remaining with him until the 1st of May, 1876, when, his eyes again troubling him, he went to Chicago for medical treatment. He remained in that city two and one-half years; then, returning to Montezuma, he established the cooper flag business in 1878, in which he has continued to the present day, meeting with unqualified success. Beginning on a small scale, he has from time to time enlarged his operations; and now in the busy season, which lasts about five months each year, he gives employment to many men, the number ranging from fifty to sixty-five. He carries on an extensive business, aggregating ten

thousand dollars annually, dealing with all the leading coopers of the United States, his work embracing the manufacture of barrels of all descriptions.

Mr. Higgins possesses great executive and financial ability, investing his money judiciously; and in addition to his beautiful residence in the village he owns other real estate, and every year rents seven thousand or eight thousand acres of marsh land, on which he cuts the flags used in his business. His character and capability eminently fit him for positions of trust and honor, and he has worthily filled many public offices. He has served as Deputy Sheriff of Cayuga County six years, three under R. J. Myers and three under J. Ward Mead, and at the present time is Justice of the Peace, an office which he has satisfactorily filled for six years. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and in religious matters is very liberal. He is a friend of education, laboring faithfully to advance its cause, and has served the past seven years as School Trustee. Mr. Higgins is prominent and active in social circles, belonging to Montezuma Lodge, No. 176, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of Cross Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 78, Seneca Falls, and is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to Morris Chapter, No. 56.

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HENRY DAVIS BREWSTER is a leading citizen of Weedsport, where he has resided since 1875; and he now holds the office of State Assessor. He



was born in Newport, R.I., November 22, 1842, the son of Henry Elijah and Susan Ellen (Townsend) Brewster.

The Brewsters can trace back their genealogy to Elder William Brewster, who came over in the "Mayflower" to Plymouth, and is a famous man in Colonial history. From him the order of lineal descent is through Jonathan, Benjamin, a second Jonathan, Joseph, Elijah, Pelatiah, to another Elijah, who married Mary Davis, and became the grandfather of the special subject of this sketch. The Brewsters were prominent in the Revolution. They lived for generations in Norwich, Conn. There was born Henry Elijah Brewster, the father of Henry Davis Brewster, on January 10, 1810; and there he received his education. His wife, whom he married the last day of October, 1839, when he was twenty-nine years old, was Susan Ellen Townsend, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Moore) Townsend, of Newport; and Henry E. Brewster passed his active life in that city as a dry-goods merchant, up to the time of his marriage and early removal to Syracuse, N.Y. There he first dealt in groceries, and afterward established the business which subsequently grew to be the famous Greenway Brewery. Not satisfied with his home business, he also built a brewery in Geddes, to which he added a distillery. In addition to these enterprises, enough for one man to handle, he had a jewelry manufactory in Syracuse, and was further interested in the dry-goods house of Butler, Townsend, Benson & Co., in the same city, besides being a Director in the Central City

and Crouse Banks. In politics he was a Democrat, though not an office-holder, and in religion was an Episcopalian. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Brewster reared five children: Catherine Brewster died at the early age of seven. Thomas Townsend Brewster, bearing his mother's family name, was a New York City merchant, and died in 1884. Two daughters, Susan Catherine and Anna Brewster, live unmarried in Syracuse, in the old family home, with their venerable mother. The father died December 16, 1893, nine days before Christmas, in Syracuse, where for many years he had made his presence felt in so many useful and social ways.

Of Henry E. Brewster's five children, his namesake is the eldest. As his parents came from Newport in his boyhood, young Henry was educated in the Syracuse schools, graduating at the high school in 1859, at the age of seventeen, and at once entering the Greenway Company's office, with which his father was so closely connected. He served only three years, however; for in 1862 he went to Chicago, and entered the firm of Brewster, Porter & Crouse, as general commission merchant. Meanwhile the Civil War was at its height. Mr. Porter went into the army a Captain; and the firm was changed to Brewster & Crouse, and so continued till the death of the junior member, whose interest in the business was purchased by Mr. Van Evera. Before long this firm dissolved; and Mr. Brewster returned to Syracuse, to re-enter the Greenway Brewery, where he served till 1875, then coming to Weedsport to purchase a dis-



used brewery, and reopen it under the firm name of Brewster & Becker, though later, in 1888, it was merged into the Weedsport Brewery Company, Mr. Brewster being Treasurer, Director, and Secretary. He was also interested in outside business affairs. He first became a State Assessor in June, 1892; and at the beginning of the new year of 1893 was regularly appointed to this office for the usual term of three years. There are but three Assessors for the entire State. His duties take him to all parts of it, and keep him much of the time away from home.

Mr. Brewster was married October 21, 1874, after his return from Chicago, to Mary Louisa Baum, who was born April 22, 1846, the daughter of President Baum, of the First National Bank of Syracuse, and largely connected with Pennsylvania oil companies and Western mines. Mrs. Brewster was educated in the schools of her native city, and at Mrs. Porter's well-known institution in New York City. The family are members of the Episcopal Parish, of which Mr. Brewster is a Vestryman and Treasurer; and they live in a beautiful house on Centennial Street in Weedsport. They have only two living children — Henry Baum Brewster and Neal Brewster.

Like his father, Henry D. Brewster is in politics a Democrat, and has been a delegate to all sorts of party conventions, especially the National Convention in 1884, when Grover Cleveland was first nominated for the Presidency. In local political affairs he has been equally active, having been Trustee of

the village of Weedsport for two years, and President for eight. For fifteen years consecutively he has been Chief Engineer of the fire department. At the last convention he was elected Trustee for five years of the Firemen's Home in Hudson; and he is also a Director of the Order of American Firemen. Of the New York State Guard of Syracuse he is an honorary member. He belongs to the Albany Burgesses Corps, and for five years was on the staff of General Barnum, of the Sixth Division of the National Guard, with the rank of Major. Masonically, he belongs to Central City Lodge, No. 305, Central City Royal Arch Chapter, No. 70, Central City Commandery, No. 25, and has held several offices as a Knight Templar. He was a charter member and First Chancellor Commander of the Weedsport Lodge of Knights of Pythias, No. 385.

Ralph Waldo Emerson has said, "Vigor is contagious, and whatever makes us either think or feel strongly adds to our power, and enlarges our field of action." A glance at Mr. Brewster's career recalls these words, for he is full of concentrated effort. Think of the many positions he has occupied, the multifarious duties he has performed; and he is no indifferent worker, but throws himself into his work with unsparing zeal.

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**J**OHAN A. FULMER, of Moravia, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Indemnity Association of Cayuga County. His birthplace was



the town of Herkimer, in the county of that name; and the date of his birth was February 26, 1836, his parents being David and Mary (Schell) Fulmer. Both of his grandfathers, Jacob C. Fulmer and John Schell, were in the War of 1812; and both belonged at that time in Herkimer. David Fulmer was a farmer, belonging to the old Dutch stock in the Mohawk Valley, where he was born, and lived till his boy John A. was a little trotter two years old, when the family removed to a farm in Steuben, Oneida County. There Mr. Fulmer died on April 17, 1881. Mrs. Mary (Schell) Fulmer was born on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1818, in Herkimer County. She retains the Oneida County homestead, where she still resides in her widowhood. In religion she was formerly a member of the Dutch Reformed church, but is now connected with the Presbyterian church.

Young John A. Fulmer got his education partly at the Oneida County common schools, and was also in Whitestown Seminary from 1855 till 1857. Then he went to farming with his father, till some two years after marriage with Mary E. Wollaber, of Steuben, on September 15, 1857, the daughter of Jacob Wollaber, an old resident of the county. The young couple came to Cayuga County in 1860, and bought a farm of a hundred acres in Moravia Township, where they lived and worked uninterruptedly for seven and twenty years. During this time Mr. Fulmer became a policy-holder in the association with which he is now officially connected, having been elected one of its Directors and its Treasurer in 1888,

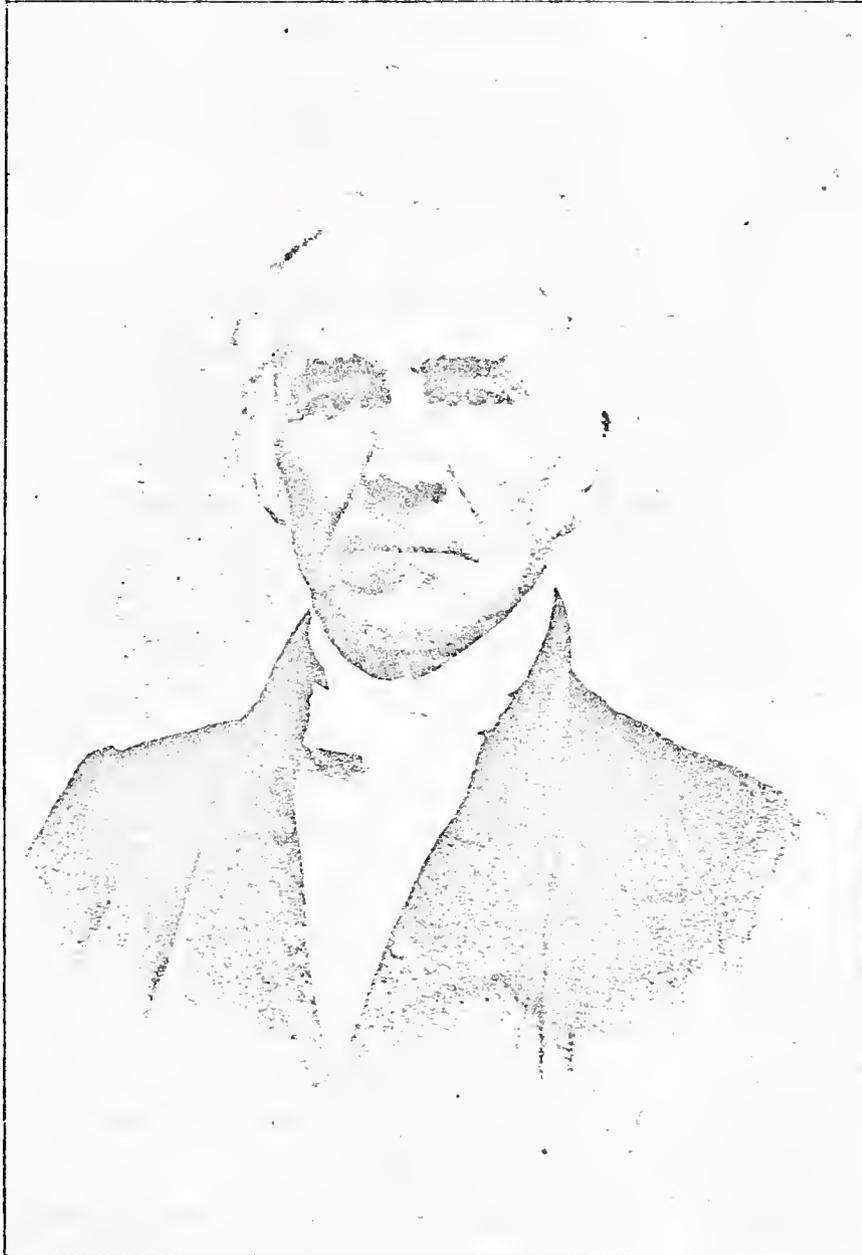
a year after his removal from his farm into the village of the same town, though he did not sell the old place. In 1892 he was chosen Secretary, so that he now combines in himself three offices, demanding his almost entire attention.

This company was organized in 1879, for the insurance of isolated farms, as well as village property, on a mutual plan, with the central office in Moravia. Starting from a financial basis of nothing, the association now carries thirteen hundred policies, with a face value, on the last day of 1893, amounting to over two and a quarter million dollars. It has always been successful, meeting promptly every loss, and charging much lower rates for the risk than old companies, based on the ordinary plan. Indeed, taking it year by year, this association has only demanded about half the usual rates. In each town the company has a Director, who is on the lookout for its interests there. Mr. Fulmer is also connected with the Indian Mound Cemetery Association as Trustee and Secretary. While living on his farm, he was four years Town Assessor, but has held no other office. He was a Republican in politics till 1889, when he felt it his duty to join the Prohibitionists; but his adherence is an honor to any party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer have had three children. Milton Jay Fulmer, the eldest, born in 1859, died at the early age of five. Emma A. Fulmer, born in 1863, married Charles L. Peck, of Syracuse. Mary C. Fulmer, born in 1866, married Hugh A. Fordyce, of her na-



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five town; and they have one child, Wesley G. Fordyce. The Fulmers attend the Methodist church, in which the head of the household has been a class leader since 1865. For many years he was a Steward and the Sunday-school superintendent, and still assists in the latter capacity. Twice he has been a delegate to the Electoral Conference.

**S**LOCUM HOWLAND, late of Sherwood, in the town of Scipio, was for many years numbered among the most worthy and respected citizens of Cayuga County, and was an important factor in its mercantile interests, being for several decades extensively engaged in business in this village, where he built up an extensive trade, and at the same time won for himself a lasting reputation as a man possessing most excellent traits of character, upright and honorable in his dealings, and imbued with that generous public spirit that was always ready to assist in any enterprise conducive to the general welfare. He was a native and life-long resident of the Empire State, his birth having occurred in Saratoga County, September 20, 1794, one hundred years ago, and his death in 1881.

Mr. Howland was of New England ancestry, his parents, Benjamin and Mary (Slocum) Howland, being from Dartmouth, Mass. In order to improve their financial condition, they decided to remove to the Western frontier, where a good deal of land could be bought for a small sum of money. Accordingly, he

and his wife crossed the boundary line between Massachusetts and New York, and settled in Saratoga County, where they remained a few years. Then, hearing glowing accounts of the lake district, one hundred and fifty miles westward, they decided on another removal; and in 1794 they came to the town of Scipio. It was in the winter season; and the journey, which it took two weeks to accomplish, was made in sleighs, the herd of twenty cattle that they brought being driven before them. On their way they stopped at Hardenburg's Corners, now the city of Auburn. Mr. Howland bought eighty-five acres of land in the southern part of the county, paying four dollars an acre for it. He was a mason by trade and a workman of skill, and on arriving in Scipio secured all the work he desired at three dollars per day. He was employed in the construction of many of the dwelling-houses and other buildings, one of them being the Friends' meeting-house, which was built in 1810. Prior to that time the Friends had worshipped in the front room of Benjamin Wilbur's log cabin. Benjamin Howland and his wife reared a family of six children, of whom two were sons—Slocum, whose name is placed at the head of this sketch; and Humphrey. The latter was a member of the Assembly of 1812. The daughters were Sylvia, Martha, Mary, and Harmony. Benjamin Howland died in September, 1831, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years; while his wife, who died in 1840, lived to the age of fourscore and five years. The mortal remains of both lie buried in a burial-place set apart



by Mr. Howland shortly after he came to this county.

Slocum Howland was bred and educated in Scipio. Not liking the farm, when old enough to choose for himself, he entered the store of Richard Talcott, at Talcott's Corners, as a clerk, and remained there in that capacity for some years. Afterward he established himself in mercantile business in the village of Sherwood, where he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, Thomas J. Alsop. When this partnership was dissolved, in 1831, his nephew, Ledra Heazlet, became his partner, the firm being known as Howland & Heazlet until the death of the latter. Mr. Howland later admitted his son William to the firm, which was then called Howland & Son, remaining thus until the death of the senior partner in 1881. Mr. Howland was well known all over Western New York as a man of honesty and honor, and a friend of the poor and oppressed. He was a Garrison Abolitionist and an active worker in what was known as the "underground railway." He was by birth a member of the Society of Friends, and accepted and revered the faith of his fathers.

On September 27, 1821, Slocum Howland was united in marriage with Hannah Talcott, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hawxhurst) Talcott. Three children were born to them — William, Emily, and Benjamin. William, who married Hannah Letchworth on April 20, 1853, has two children — Isabel and Herbert. Benjamin married Louisa Powell in 1858; and to them have been born four

children — Agnes, Clarence, Edith, and Blanche.

The excellent portrait of Mr. Slocum Howland on another page will be highly appreciated by the readers of the present volume. Although it is thirteen years since this good man passed to his rest,

"The soft memory of his virtues yet  
Lingers, like twilight hues when the sun is set."

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AUSTIN BENHAM HALE is a retired merchant and an esteemed citizen of Moravia. He was born in Scipioville on March 13, 1817, amidst the returning and growing national prosperity which followed the War of 1812, the son of Thomas and Mercy Hall (Benham) Hale.

The Hales were Connecticut people. Ebenezer Hale, Thomas's father and the grandfather of Austin Benham Hale, was born in Middletown in that State, not far north-east of Cheshire, on November 21, 1758; so that he was a young man in his teens when the alarm of Lexington was sounded, and the fight for freedom began. He was prominent in military offices, and always known as Colonel Hale, drilling his neighbors in army tactics even after the Revolution was over. His wife, Miriam Bunnell, was born on March 20, 1762, nearly four years later than the Colonel, and in the town of Cheshire, where he died on July 26, 1805, in middle life, aged only forty-seven. She survived him less than fifty days, dying on September 21 of the same year. Colonel Ebenezer Hale's eldest son



was Thomas Hale. The younger brothers and sisters, who were all educated in Cheshire, were the following: Ruth Hale married Thomas Morse, and died in Cheshire; Amanda Hale was married to Reuben Benham, of the same town; Ebenezer Hale, Jr., came to Cayuga County after a previous residence in Wolcott, Wayne County; Elias Hale remained in Connecticut, and died at Cheshire.

Thomas Hale was born in Middletown, Conn., on March 8, 1782, before the emancipated colonies had formed their "more perfect union," or chosen a President; but he grew up in Cheshire, his mother's town, where he owned real estate, and married Mercy H. Benham about the year 1802, when he was hardly twenty-one, the date being conjectured from the birth of their eldest son, in October, 1803. Though Thomas Hale first came through the Cayuga region in 1811, just before the War of 1812, it was later when he brought his household thither, and opened a store with another Connecticut man, named Orrin Peck. Indeed, Mr. Hale did not go after his family till he had himself tried the place for a summer; but he went back to the Nutmeg State after them in the fall. They had to travel by teams, bringing provender for the horses, the whole trip costing not over twenty-five dollars in money. Trade was very different from what it is to-day, and depended largely upon barter, little money passing from hand to hand. Merchandise of all sorts, such as was needed in a country store, had to be brought from Albany, whither the produce,

received by the traders, had to be sent. As was then the custom, Messrs. Hale & Peck not only kept a store, but ran a distillery and manufactured potash, and also tinware, both articles in constant and universal demand; and by good luck these tradesmen were not ruined by an accumulation of unsalable lumber and other natural products, as happened in some parts of the country. For a dozen years the partnership continued. Then Mr. Peck withdrew from the firm, returned to Connecticut, and at Southington engaged in tin manufacture, while Mr. Hale carried on the traffic alone. Nor did his sagacity fall asleep, or his foresight desert him. There was a general demand for tin-ware; and he continued making it, sending peddlers out in every direction, so that his son Austin can remember when there were fifteen or twenty carts to be seen at one time standing in front of Mr. Hale's shop, which was probably the first one established in that part of the State west of Utica. Mr. Hale did not give up this manufacture, though not afterward so extensively carried on, till 1850, two years before his death, which occurred October 7, 1852, at the age of threescore and ten. He had naturally filled a large space in public estimation, and held many local offices, as the wilderness became a large town. He was a staunch Presbyterian in religion, belonging to a society in what was called No. 1 Scipio.

His wife, Mercy H. Benham, was born in the town of Prospect, Conn., near Cheshire, the daughter of Shadrach and Elizabeth (Austin) Benham. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hale



had six children, five living to maturity. William Rowley Hale, the eldest, was born in 1803, and died on June 21, 1846. Daniel Benham Hale came next, in 1805, and died October 19, 1874, in Snyderville, Wis., though buried at his home in Geneva, Ashtabula County, Ohio. The oldest daughter, Elizabeth Hale, was born in 1814, and died young. Austin B. Hale, as before noted, was born in 1817. Mary Spencer Hale, born in 1820, married John B. Bowen, of Ledyard, and died January 4, 1867. George Thomas Hale, the youngest, was born in 1825, and went overland to California in the rush of 1849, Independence, Mo., being his starting-point for the trip across the plains; but on his return, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, he reached the metropolis only, and there died, December 25, 1851, without another sight of his native place. The mother of these children outlived her husband only two years. She died, like him, firm in the Presbyterian faith of her fathers.

Austin B. Hale, of Scipioville, attended the Scipio public school; but afterward his father, being abundantly able to do so, sent him to the Cortland Academy in the town of Homer, in 1836 and 1837, when the son was nineteen to twenty years old, at an age when most boys in the neighborhood gave up all thoughts of further schooling. From the time of leaving the academy till 1841, he was in his father's store. Then he opened a place of his own in Moravia, which gradually developed into a large hardware establishment, so that in 1870 he was able to erect a large brick

block, called Union, three stories high and three stores in width. There he continued the hardware trade, in the firm of Hale & Greenfield. (A sketch of his partner, Webb J. Greenfield, may be found elsewhere in this volume.) Their business included every kind of hardware, and involved a capital of ten thousand dollars. In 1875 Mr. Hale left the farm at the age of fifty-eight, on account of poor health, and has since lived in comparative retirement.

When the First National Bank of Moravia was organized, May 25, 1863, in the time of the Civil War, when national banks were first heard of, the new banking law having been passed only three months before, on February 2, Mr. Hale was one of its most active promoters. Indeed, he was one of the first to talk the matter over with William Keeler and B. F. Everson; and Mr. Hale was clerk of the meeting. This meeting was on April 14, and these three gentlemen prepared articles of association. The bank started with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, which was shortly increased to eighty. At the first election of Directors, Mr. Hale was Inspector, and was himself chosen one of the nine Directors. At the first meeting of these Directors he was chosen President of the bank, and Mr. Everson was made Cashier. After holding the position for some time, Mr. Hale resigned, but was again elected, and discharged his duties faithfully as long as he could well do so.

In addition to his property in the village he owns a farm near by, also a summer residence



at the very head waters of Owasco Lake, "Eden Shore Cottage," near a station of the Lehigh Valley Railroad called Cascade, four miles from Moravia. He has served two terms as Supervisor, 1859 and 1860, and as a member of the Equalization Committee. He has been the Village President and Village Trustee, sometimes filling both these offices at once. He has also been a Trustee of the old academy, and has contributed many books and pamphlets to the Powers Library connected with the institution. In 1861 he was Treasurer of the old Agricultural Society of the town; and with Judge Day he drew up the by-laws regulating the Indian Mound Cemetery, of which he was many years a Director and Treasurer. In fact, there have been few movements in the town for the last half-century in which he has not borne an active part; and it was with difficulty that he at last evaded another of this nature.

In Free Masonry Mr. Hale belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 41, having joined the order many years ago. Though always refusing any ritualistic Masonic office, he was its Treasurer when the Masonic Building was re-erected in Moravia. In politics he was a Whig, but became a Republican when the party was organized. Indeed, he was a delegate to the Syracuse Convention when that organization took place, as he had been at Saratoga, when the first attempt at organization was made. In 1849 he was appointed Postmaster under the Presidency of General Zachary Taylor, and retained the office through the administration of Vice-President Millard Fillmore,

though the salary was only half what it is to-day, and the incumbent had to keep all the accounts, and fill out a way-bill for the envelope which had to be placed around every letter, besides collecting postage, stamps not having come into use. His first Presidential vote, in 1840, was cast for William Henry Harrison, and in 1888 and 1892 he had the pleasure of voting for General Harrison's grandson Benjamin; and in all this long interval of years he has never lost his vote by indisposition of either mind or body. He has also found time for travelling extensively in his own country, especially in the West.

Mr. Hale was not married early in life, as it was not till May 25, 1849, when he was thirty-two, and his store in full operation, that he was united to Nancy Day Lane, of Lanesborough, Susquehanna County, Pa., where she was born, June 16, 1823, and was therefore twenty-six years old at the time of her marriage. She died after sixteen years of wedded happiness, on February 18, 1865, and left one son, George Lane Hale, who was born September 12, 1853, but died in Chicago, April 7, 1877, at the early age of twenty-four. Three years after Mrs. Hale's death, the bereaved husband and father married again, the bride being Louesie C. Titus. She, like her predecessor, was a Pennsylvania lady, having been born in the village of Warren, Warren County, on New Year's Day, 1843, so that she was only twenty-five at the time of her marriage, November 17, 1868, after receiving her finishing education at the Falley Seminary, Fulton, in Oswego County.



Being in faith an ardent Baptist, Mrs. Louesie C. Hale was the first mover in organizing the First Baptist Church of Moravia, the first meeting being held at her residence. The organization was effected on March 20, 1870, with eleven members. It now has over one hundred, and a fine brick church, also a commodious parsonage. By this union Mr. Hale has one child, Florence Louesie, who was born September 18, 1872, and was educated at the Moravia Union School and the Auburn Business College, from which she graduated in 1894. Since 1842 Mr. Hale has been connected with the Congregational church, serving for years and years as Trustee and Treasurer. Mr. Hale being a Congregationalist, and his wife a Baptist, their daughter, when six years old, on being asked her belief, replied she did not know, but guessed she was a Congregational Baptist, and "is of the same opinion still."

"Ability is of little account without opportunity." So said the great Emperor Napoleon. Mr. Hale has had both ability and opportunity; but he possesses two other qualities which have begotten trust in the minds of those with whom he has come into contact. One is common sense, of which a learned writer has said: "Common sense, in one view, is the most uncommon sense. While it is extremely rare in possession, the recognition of it is universal. All men feel it, though few men have it." And the other is honesty, of which the old poet and playwright, Ben Jonson, declares, "Wisdom without honesty is mere craft and cozenage; and

therefore the reputation of honesty must first be gotten, which cannot be but by living well."

JOHN F. FORSCUTT is a most worthy and hard-working farmer, residing near Fair Haven, in Sterling, who has by persevering effort raised himself above the level of mediocrity, both in character and wealth. He was born in Fleming, Cayuga County, August 6, 1828. His father, Luke Forscutt, was born in Northamptonshire, England, and at first earned his bread as a shepherd-boy, but later drifted into agriculture. After his marriage he came to this country, and settled in Cayuga County, where John was born, but later bought a farm in Sterling, where he spent the short residue of his life, dying at the early age of thirty-four.

Luke Forscutt's wife was Nancy Ann Knight; and her father, Joseph Knight, lived and died a farmer in Northamptonshire, England, where she was born and married. By this marriage she had five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second, the others being Thomas, Mary, William, and Hannah. Their mother died, aged sixty-four, on the old homestead, where John remained till he removed to his present excellent farm, to which he especially devotes himself, though having the care of three others; for he is a man of wide executive power. At the age of twenty-six, in 1854, he married Lovina Overacher, daughter of John Overacher. Their three children are Richard, Jennie, and William, all married, and living on farms near by.



Mr. Forscutt is a Republican, and the family attend the Methodist church. The more such men there are, the better for the community.

ALLEN E. BAKER, M.D., one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of the city of Auburn, where he has been located for practice since April, 1891, was born in the town of Aurelius, Cayuga County, N.Y., September 18, 1862. His parents were Jerome B. and Henrietta (Warrick) Baker. The family were originally from New England; the grandfather Julius Baker settled in this county on April 1, 1836. During his early life he followed the trade of a mechanic and wheelwright, but in later years took up the occupation of farming, in which he met with considerable success. He is now a resident of Wayne County, where he lives a peaceful life at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Jerome B. Baker, the father of the Doctor, was born in Seneca County, near Seneca Falls. He is a retired farmer, now living in Auburn. Mrs. Baker, his wife, was born in this county, and is the daughter of William and Fannie Warrick. Mr. Warrick came originally from New Jersey, and Mrs. Warrick from Pennsylvania.

Allen E. Baker received his first schooling in the village of Cayuga, afterward attending the Auburn High School, where he was graduated in 1883. He at once engaged in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was at first Secretary at Troy for the

Railroad Association, and was afterward employed as Secretary in the regular city work of the Young Men's Christian Association at Albany. His natural inclination, however, was toward the study of medicine; and for a time he read with Dr. Charles E. Swift, now deceased, of Auburn. He attended lectures at the New York Homœopathic Medical College, graduating in the class of 1888, after a distinguished three years' course. He received "honorable mention" in his class, and was appointed by the college faculty on his general standing, and without competitive examination, to the Five Points House of Industry as Junior Resident Physician. After being there two months, he was made Senior Resident Physician, occupying that responsible position for nearly three years. Dr. Baker resided in Brooklyn for seven months of the time, where he made for himself a name as a reputable physician, and built up a good practice. Upon leaving the hospital, and upon the earnest solicitation of friends, he came to Auburn, and located his office at No. 55 Franklin Street, where he is now doing a fine general practice.

He was united in marriage April 24, 1889, to Miss Susie A. Beyers, of New York City, and has two children, both daughters — Maude A. Baker and Ruth Imogene Baker.

Dr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city. Dr. Baker is a well-known and honored member of the Cayuga County Homœopathic Medical Society. He enjoys a high reputation as an intelligent and clever physician,



and takes a deep interest in all affairs of the city of his adoption.

**G**EORGE P. WOOD, LL.B., is a native of Union Springs, where he is now the leading attorney; and he is a man whom the town may well be proud of having produced. He was born on the last day of May, 1841, his father being Peter B. Wood, and his mother Catherine Burlew. The grandfather, Wynant Wood, was a life-long inhabitant of Staten Island, which for several generations was the family home. His son, Peter B. Wood, was born on that island, with the first year of the present century; but he came to Union Springs in 1836, and went to farming, five years before his son George was born. The mother first saw the light in South Amboy, N.J., in the same year with her husband, 1801; and more particulars concerning her family, the Burlews, may be found in the section devoted to a gentleman of that name. The Wood farm is a mile south of the village; and Mr. Peter B. Wood filled many local offices, being a man respected and trusted by his fellow-citizens. He died in 1888, when within only three years of ninety; and his wife lived a year longer.

Of their four children, the only one now surviving is the lawyer to whom this sketch especially relates. Of course he received his rudimentary education in the public schools of his native town, and after that he went to the Friends' Academy in the same place.

Then he tried his hand at two or three different kinds of business, especially the manufacture of tiles and bricks. In 1865 he began the study of law with his brother, Etsel Wood, who had an office in Union Springs for many years, and died in 1893. George also took the regular course of study in the law department of the University at Albany, where he was graduated in the class of 1869. After a short term of practice with his brother, he opened an independent office, which now wins the most lucrative patronage in the western part of Cayuga County. Politics he has never much cared for. In fact, he has no time to look after nominations and offices, either Democratic or Republican, being kept very busy with cases before the courts in all parts of the State. As he was admitted to the bar in 1869, he has now been in practice more than a quarter of a century.

An aphorism of the classic poet Lucretius is this, "A falling drop at last will cave a stone"; and that philosophic novelist, Bulwer-Lytton, has written thus: "He who distrusts the security of chance takes more pains to effect the safety which results from labor. To find what you seek in the road of life, the best proverb of all is that which says, Leave no stone unturned." These utterances almost suggest a play upon words, when they are applied, as well they may be, not only to Mr. Wood's persevering professional pursuits, but to a leading outside enterprise, the stone quarries on the Wood farm, in which he has been engaged since 1872, sometimes alone and sometimes under the firm name of Wood



& Smith. To this undertaking he may have originally been led by his prior experience with tiles and bricks, which naturally induced much consideration of building materials. These quarries, called Hamburg, take the bulk of Mr. Wood's spare time. They are very conveniently located on the Auburn and Ithaca division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and are provided with side tracks and steam derricks. Near by is a dock, on Cayuga Lake; and this is a great convenience, as much of the granite is used for bridges. The quarries supply a large quantity of stone for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and for the elevated work, through Rochester, on the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad. In these quarries over a hundred men find constant employment, and in the busy season one hundred and thirty are needed. There are no other quarries in the county nearly as large as these, which rank with the most extensive in the State; and no other business plant in the neighborhood requires the service of so many workmen, or has been of equal financial value to the community in this direction. Not only is the investment profitable, but it affords Mr. Wood the best sort of an excuse, if one were needed, for retaining the old homestead, though he lives in a charming house on Cayuga Street.

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**HON. WILLIAM LESLIE NOYES,**  
 now of Auburn, is the senior member of the firm of Noyes & Duryea, dealers in seeds and agricultural

implements, and is also an ex-Representative of Cayuga County in the State Assembly. He was born in the town of Niles in this county on April 24, 1836; and his parents were Samuel Berry and Catherine R. (Jackson) Noyes.

His paternal grandfather, John Noyes, was one of the pioneer settlers in Chenango County, coming thither from Connecticut. An earlier ancestor in that State was the Rev. John Noyes, doubtless a descendant of the Rev. James Noyes, who had a long and faithful ministry of fifty-five years in Stonington, Conn., and died there in 1719. He was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1659. His father, the Rev. James Noyes, Sr., of Newbury, Mass., was born in England, and crossed the Atlantic in the spring of 1634, in the "Mary and John" of London, and, after preaching for a short time in Medford, was settled in Newbury. Many of his descendants have been college graduates. For many years Grandfather John lived in Chenango County, and then came to Cayuga County, where he passed the remainder of his days.

Samuel B. Noyes, son of John, began his adult life as a teacher, soon becoming prominent in the educational affairs of the county, of which he was School Commissioner for many years, besides serving as Justice of Peace. He remained in Niles several years, and then went to the town of Waukesha, Wis.; but, not feeling pleased therewith, he returned to New York in 1846, when his son William was a lad of ten, and the family settled in the town of Owasco, where they stayed



nearly thirty years, till 1874, then removing to another part of the town in the suburbs of Auburn, where Mr. Noyes died in 1886. Catherine R. Jackson, whom he married, was born in this county, here received her education, and here passed almost her entire life. Her father, Asa Jackson, an old pioneer, was the proprietor of a large tract of land at the foot of Lake Owaseo. He also owned a large distillery, and built the structure now known as the Beach House. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Noyes reared five children. The eldest born was Dr. John O. Noyes, now deceased. Mary Jane Noyes married Daniel Swartwout, of Owaseo. The third child was William Leslie Noyes. Eudolph A. is now Mrs. Henry Burnett, of Victory. Annette Noyes became Mrs. O. P. Howland, of Owaseo.

William received his education in the district school, at Fort Plain Academy, and in the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute in Washington County, after which he alternately busied himself with farming and teaching, taking care of the Owaseo Village Union School ten years, and at the same time managing his farm. In 1862, during the Civil War, he went to Louisiana, and engaged in business at Port Hudson for a couple of years. In 1864 he became Superintendent of the Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company, organized for dredging a passage from Lake Borgne to the Mississippi River. This work also occupied two years, till 1866, when Mr. Noyes removed to New Orleans as Superintendent of the New Orleans Drainage Company, engaged

in digging canals all around the city and through the delta, for developing and enlarging the old system of drainage into the new system, which better serves the city. In this labor ten or a dozen dredging-boats were employed, and two hundred men. This task demanded several years more; and it was not till 1874 that Mr. Noyes returned to his native State and town, where he still owned his Owaseo farm. To this he now devoted his attention, putting its hundred acres into a fine state of cultivation. There he remained till 1893, nearly a score of years, when his agricultural experience suggested the advisability of removing to Auburn, and entering the seed trade, both wholesale and retail, for which the firm has a fine location at No. 4 Genesee Street. Mr. Noyes has also travelled through the West; and this has led him into the possession of landed property at West Frankfort, So. Dak.

A man so enterprising and uniformly successful is never left to care merely for his own affairs. Mr. Noyes was therefore elected Supervisor while in Owaseo, and held this position eight years, always serving on the Equalization Committee. In 1878 he was elected to the State Assembly by the Republicans of the Southern Cayuga District. He was re-elected in 1882, and again in 1890 and 1891, affording him in all five terms as a legislator, with experience as a member of the following committees: Public Education, Canals, Railroads, State Prisons, Electricity, and others. In 1879 he was on the Hepburn Railway Investigating Committee, whose duty



it was to inspect all the railways in the State, consider their bearings upon various interests, and report to the next legislature. The committee reported several bills, which were eventually incorporated in the laws of the State. A local measure, which he ably seconded, was one giving Auburn three additional representatives on the County Board of Supervisors, and still another bill, which gave the city ownership of the waterworks, which had previously been in private corporation hands. Three times was he nominated to his post of Assemblyman without opposition in the Republican Convention, and many times has he been a delegate to the State conventions of his party. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Noyes has been identified with the fight against the manufacture of oleomargarine butter, and with the movement in favor of co-operative insurance, both in the interest of agriculture.

His marriage took place in 1859, at the age of twenty-three, while teaching and farming in Owasco, to Eunice A. Brinkerhoff, a lady who was born in the same town with himself, Niles. She was the daughter of James Albert Brinkerhoff, who, along with his father, Albert Brinkerhoff, had been among the earliest settlers in Cayuga County. Mrs. Noyes received her education in the public and select schools of Auburn, and by this marriage she is the mother of three living children. Lella M. is the wife of Frederick Duryea, her father's partner in the seed business. La Belle Noyes, a name suggestive of New Orleans, has studied pharmacy. The family be-

long to the Methodist Episcopal church in the city where they reside, and for many years Mr. Noyes was connected with the Methodist Parish in Owasco as Steward and Trustee. In the social line he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Of course, the Noyes home has been in Auburn only since the seed business brought the family thither, but they live in a very attractive residence at No. 4 John Street.

Of wisdom the great Judge Joseph Story declared, "Human wisdom is the aggregate of all human experience, constantly accumulating and selecting and reorganizing its own materials." Certainly, the subject of the present sketch has allowed his wide experience to ripen into wisdom; and few men have found such varied quarries from which to excavate the materials for character-building.

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**D**AVID E. WHITE is a well-educated man, of fine principles, who has added experience to intelligence, and has been long looked up to as one of the foremost men of the town of Conquest. He is no longer in active business, having retired from mercantile pursuits to his estate at Spring Lake. As a leading Republican, he was Postmaster for twenty years, and has been proffered many other offices; but, though earnest in town affairs, he has not been a place-seeker. He is a member of Lockwood Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in Port Byron. Through his influence the local Methodist Episcopal church attained its present stability



and influence, his wife being the director of the Sunday-school for many years and the choir leader for a quarter-century. The growth of the village of Spring Lake owes much to his interest in every good word and work; and it was with regret the townspeople heard of his determination to withdraw from the store which had so long known his presence, for they regarded him as in some ways a model man.

His grandfather, David L. White, was a Massachusetts farmer in the town of Mansfield, Bristol County, formerly a part of Taunton, about twenty miles from Boston; and there was born to him a son, Jacob White, who became a hoe-maker. In 1814, while the War of 1812 was still troubling the newly independent nation, Jacob White removed to New York State, and established an extensive hoe factory in Nassau, besides managing a two-hundred-acre farm and a saw-mill, in which handle-making and other nice work was done. There Jacob White remained till his death, at the advanced age of eighty-six. At first an old-line Whig, he became a firm Republican in the Fremont campaign. His wife, Prissia Lewis, born in 1785, was a daughter of David Lewis, of Walpole, Mass., not far from her husband's birthplace; and they were married in the year of his removal to Nassau, where they reared eight of the eleven children born to them, namely: Sally, married to John Tift; Prissia, named for her mother, and married to J. B. Lawrence; Miranda, married to Stephen Griffin; Philip; Jacob, named for his father; David, the

subject of this biography; William; and Charles. The mother breathed her last on the old homestead, dying in the Free Will Baptist faith in which she had lived, like her husband, who was a Deacon in that body.

In this same Nassau homestead David E. White was born, January 23, 1828; and there he worked on the farm, in the factory, and in the saw-mill, getting his education in the district school and Nassau Seminary. Reaching his majority, he went to Massachusetts, and worked six months at hoe-making in the region of his ancestral home. The gold fever of 1849 drew David, like so many enterprising young men of that day, to California, where he was a miner from 1850 to 1853, when he sailed for Australia, and worked in the gold mines there four years longer. In 1857 he went to Nassau, N.Y., and spent four more years in cutting timber from land given him by his father. Soon after his return from Australia, in 1857, he was married July 26, at the age of twenty-nine, to Melvina A. Johnson, daughter of Karley and Martha (Fields) Johnson, of Nassau. Then the Civil War began; and David's venturesome spirit prompted him to enlist, August 12, 1862, as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth New York Volunteers. He was mustered in August 27, 1862, and made Second Sergeant on the organization of Company A, which belonged to the Second Army Corps, under Meade and Hancock. Mr. White bore his part in sixteen hard-fought battles, including Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsyl-



vania, and Petersburg. On March 2, 1863, he was made Commissary Sergeant. June 12, 1864, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and two months later, August 8, promoted to a First Lieutenancy. On May 20, 1865, he resigned his commission at the close of the war, not waiting to be mustered out, and returned to his childhood's home, where he was compelled to remain idle until April of the next year, when he came to Spring Lake, and formed a partnership with James W. Tift, a connection of the family by marriage. At the expiration of five years he purchased the firm's buildings, stock, and entire business, which he thereafter carried on alone, adding thereto various lines of trade, till his establishment became the largest of its kind in the country, and so successful that, on April 1, 1894, twenty-eight years from the date of his commencement at Spring Lake, he was able to retire from the business, which he sold to Green & Clark. But with Mr. White retirement is not stagnation, for there is no such element in his veins. "Live while you live," is his motto; and this he takes in a lofty sense, to live for noble ends.

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**J**ONATHAN JOHNSON, one of the oldest merchants of Port Byron, N.Y., having been engaged in the meat business here since 1854, was born in Hatley, Stanstead County, Quebec, December 30, 1828, and is the son of Zacarias and Laura H. (Hovey) Johnson. The father and mother were both natives of New Hampshire.

The grandfathers on both sides of the house were Revolutionary soldiers. H. D. Johnson, the paternal grandsire, was a farmer, and moved from New Hampshire to Canada, Horace H. Hovey also going to the same place, they having a township of land given them of ten square miles, on which they raised large herds of cattle. Both families were members of the Church of England. Zacarias Johnson lived on the farm in Canada all his life. He died there in 1834, and was survived nearly fifty years by his widow, who died in 1880. They reared a family of five children; namely, Laura J., Hall, Jonathan, Edward, John.

Jonathan Johnson received his schooling in the vicinity of the old homestead. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the trade of a tanner and currier, working as an apprentice for three years for twenty-five dollars a year, and clothing himself. He raised enough money, ten dollars, to enable him to come to Weedsport, where he had a brother-in-law, and then went to Port Byron in the fall of 1849, working there for Mr. Curtis, a tanner, for ten dollars a month on trial. From that time forward he worked on piece-work, and was enabled to save money. After two years he went to Canandaigua, and entered the employ of Mr. Robinson, remaining there until 1855, when he returned to Port Byron, and went into the grocery and meat business on the old Canal, his place being known as the Rock Spring Grocery. He remained in that location until the Canal was changed over, then went into partnership with W. W.



Milks, which continued until 1861, when the war broke out, after which he went to work in the Robinson & Little Tannery, and was with them about three years. He then bought out Colonel Milks, the new firm being Sweet & Johnson, afterward taking into partnership Mr. Summers. In 1872 he bought his partners out, and has carried on the business alone ever since. He has a large trade in Western and native meat, besides shipping farm produce of all kinds. He was for one year Overseer of the Poor for the town of Mentz. In politics he votes with the Democratic party.

He was married on January 25, 1855, to Miss Harriet A. Sweet, daughter of Elnathan Sweet, of Port Byron. They have four children, namely: Emma, wife of A. D. Stewart; Louisa, wife of George A. Warburton, of New York City, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, who has three children — George Robert, William Crofton, and Ethel; John D. Johnson, a physician and surgeon of New York City, who is married to Miss Addie Barrus, of Port Byron, and has one child — Hall Johnson; Jennie, wife of the Rev. W. I. Sweet, of Passaic, N.J., who has two children — Hattie May and Bessie Julia. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Johnson is deservedly held in high repute by his fellow-townsmen. Starting in the world without a dollar, he has made his present position by dint of his own unaided exertions, being known as one of the strong representative men of the town.

**J**UDSON W. HAPEMAN, one of the most prominent citizens of Cato, belongs to the firm of Hapeman, Weager & Co., and is also freight and ticket agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, having held that post since first the Southern Central Division was built through this section of the county, about twenty-three years ago.

Though not born in Cato, he was born in the same county, in the town of Victory, N.Y., on December 8, 1843. His father was John Martin Hapeman, and his mother was Mary Ann Van Buren Hapeman, the father being of Dutch descent, and the mother of English. John M. Hapeman was born at Kinderhook, N.Y., near Sehencetady, in 1811, the very year before the beginning of the famous War of 1812, which brought the lake waters into such historic note by the naval victories gained thereon. In his native city he married Miss Van Buren, while her distinguished kinsman, Martin Van Buren, was President of the United States, and a thick cloud of financial depression brooded over the land. As this wedding took place in 1837, John Martin and Mary Ann Hapeman were able to celebrate their golden anniversary in 1887. He was foreman in a factory till 1840, when he came to Victory at the age of twenty-nine, and bought a farm, where he still lives, though his wife died in 1890, both being adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Judson was educated in his native place, and also went to the Red Creek Seminary, where he was studying when the Southern



rebellion broke out, and was stirred by his love of country to enlist in Company B of the Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1861, when there was a strong call for more troops. The regiment was sent in November to Santa Rosa Island, Fla., where it was stationed for six months. When Pensacola was evacuated, after a bombardment of two days, the Yankee troops at once entered the conquered place, and there remained another half-year. Then the Seventy-fifth boys were sent to New Orleans, where they were on duty nearly two years longer, taking part in various battles, of which a more particular account may be found in the sketch of Frederick Cossman in this volume. The first bloody engagement in which the regiment was engaged was that of the gunboat "Cotton"; and next they made forced marches toward the Red River country. Judson enlisted as a private; but in 1863 he was transferred to the Third Engineer Corps of Colored Troops, under Major D. C. Houston, and sent to the Department of the Gulf. This change from his regiment to the Engineer Corps was chiefly occasioned by his physical condition. During the march through Louisiana he was sent out to destroy a building occupied by Confederate sharpshooters, and during this demolition he received wounds which compelled him to use crutches for two years; but nothing could dampen his bravery. Though now holding a commission as Second Lieutenant, he was at once made Acting Assistant Surgeon, having already seen much hospital service while with his old regiment.

Soon he was still further promoted, to be First Lieutenant and Quartermaster; and in these duties he continued steadfast till the close of the war, though not mustered out with the brevet rank of Captain till December 8, 1865, having served four years and three months.

On reaching home Mr. Hapeman bought a saw-mill, which he operated for two years, till he was twenty-five years old. He moved to Cato in 1868, and started with H. S. Hunt in the hardware business. This lasted three years, Mr. Hapeman meanwhile acting as Postmaster under President Grant. In 1871 Mr. Hapeman sold out the store, and accepted a position as Station Agent for the Southern Central Railroad, though at the same time doing business as a trader, in company with E. J. Turner, under the title of Turner & Hapeman. This continued till the centennial year, when he sold out to Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Hapeman took up the general produce and commission business, though still holding his railroad agency. After trying it four years alone, in 1880 he took Mr. Weager into the business. This relation lasted a dozen years, when Mr. Hapeman bought out the business, which he reorganized as Hapeman, Weager & Co., with himself at the head of the firm. They do a large lumber and coal trade, besides dealing in agricultural implements and produce. In addition to the warehouse for their goods and sheds for fuel, they have three storehouses for fertilizers; and they also have the proper buildings for evaporating apples, in which they have been busy



since 1892, handling seventy thousand bushels of fruit in that year, and giving employment to fifty work-people, besides agents who are on the road for the sale of their goods and implements. In addition to these branches of trade he has dealt in tobacco.

As a Republican, Mr. Hapeman has been two years Supervisor for the town of Ira, and for the same time was on the Equalization Committee. Seven successive years he was President of the Board of Education, and Treasurer and Secretary for several years more, making a total service of fifteen years. For nine years he was a Village Trustee. Masonically, he belongs to Cato Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M., of which he was three times Master. He was the first Commander of E. M. Knapp Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and kept the place three years. As might naturally be expected, he has become the owner of considerable local real estate. His marriage took place on April 30, 1877, to Margaret Merritt, of Meridian; and they have three children—Eugene Judson, Garrard B., and Grace May. The family belong to the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Hapeman is an Elder; and, when the meeting-house was remodelled, he was on the Building Committee.

Reading of such a career as Mr. Hapeman's, one may well recall the words of a great writer about courage: "True courage has so little to do with anger that there lies always the strongest suspicion against it where this passion is highest. The true courage is the cool and calm. The bravest of men

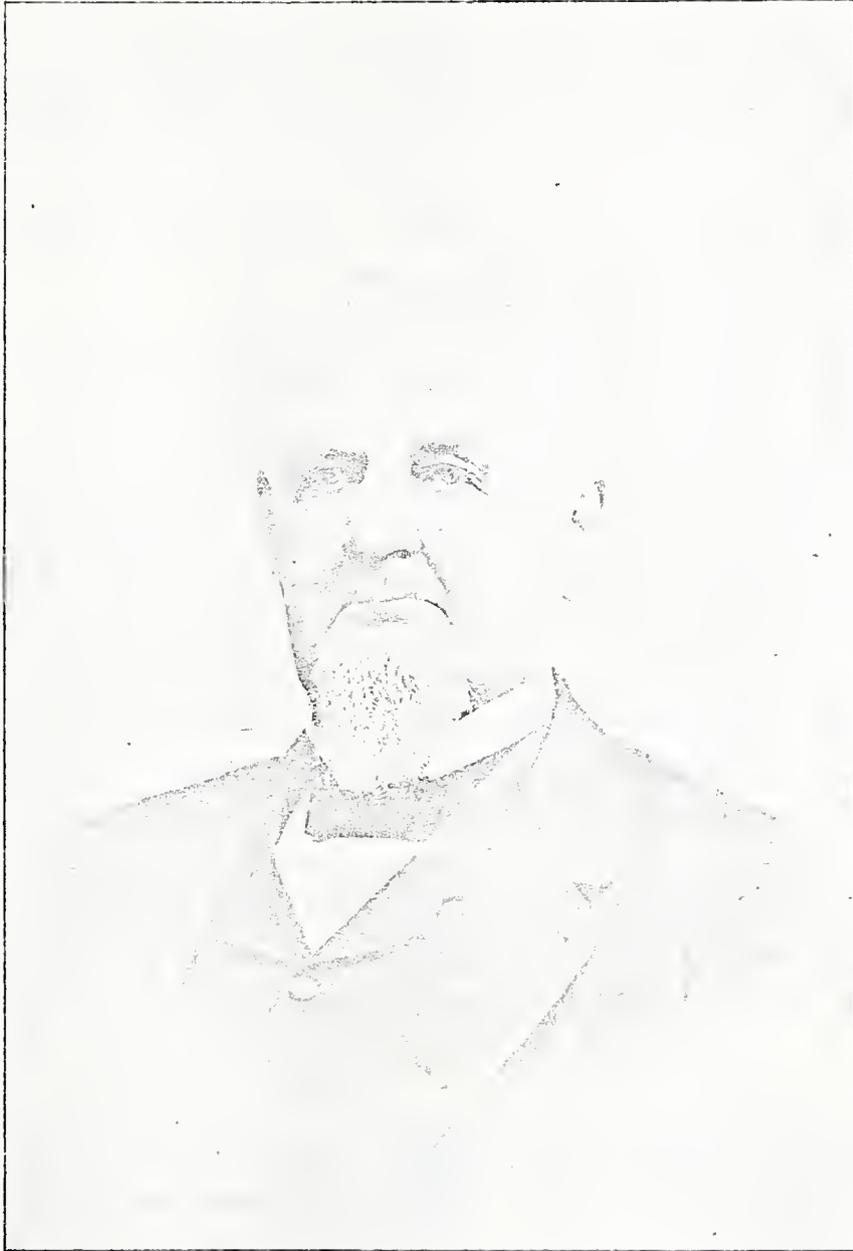
have the least of brutal, bullying insolence, and in the very time of danger are found the most serene, pleasant, and free."

ASA H. BAKER, now retired from active business life, has been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Cayuga County for many years; and in the town of Aurelius, where he was born on August 14, 1833, he holds an honored place among the substantial and influential citizens.

He is of New England ancestry, his grandfather, John Baker, having been a native of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and well endowed with the perseverance, courage, and patriotism characteristic of the sturdy people born among the rugged and rocky hills of that State. In his early manhood he served his country bravely through the trying hours of the Revolution. Some years after the close of that war he emigrated to New York, becoming a pioneer of Saratoga County, where he lived a number of years, in the mean time clearing quite a tract of land from the wilderness. In 1868 he came to Cayuga County, and, though not one of its original settlers, can well be classed among its pioneers. He purchased a tract of land at Fleming Hill, on which a log house had been built; and this cabin, which, compared favorably in size, architecture, and conveniences with any in the vicinity, was the first abiding-place of him and his family. At that time Auburn was but a hamlet, the dense forests round about



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being haunted by wolves and other predatory animals, which were a perpetual torment to the settlers; but the woods also furnished them plenty of game. After a time Mr. Baker, who was an energetic, industrious man, cleared a good farm, and erected a frame house, and, that being burned, rebuilt on the same place, continuing his farming operations there several years, but subsequently moved to Enfield, Tompkins County, where he spent his last days.

Asa H. Baker was the seventh child and the sixth son born to his parents, Allen and Eunice (Tupper) Baker, for whose history see sketch of Augustus D. Baker, on another page of this volume. He attended the public schools of Aurelius, and afterward pursued his studies at a commercial college in Rochester, N.Y. He was early initiated into the various duties and labors that fall upon the son of a farmer, being often called upon when out of school to assist in the farm work. Finding agriculture a congenial occupation, he chose it for his life-work, helping his father on the homestead until he was twenty-four years of age, when he and his brothers took upon themselves the whole care of the farm, managing it thus for a few years. Asa then bought out the interests of his brothers in a portion of the homestead, and engaged in general farming on his own estate; and, being an active, wide-awake, thorough man of business, conversant with all branches of agriculture, he met with good success in his undertakings. His native mechanical ability was a great assistance to him, saving him con-

siderable sums, and affording him numerous conveniences, a good many specimens of his handiwork being now in his possession and in use. In 1878 Mr. Baker sold his farm to his brother Augustus, and, purchasing a tract of land on Genesee Street, three miles west of Auburn, erected a fine set of frame buildings; and in this pleasant and attractive home he and his family have since resided.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was wedded in 1862, was Caroline E. Ellison. She was a daughter of Christopher and Esther (Fowler) Ellison, natives of England and of Cayuga County, New York, respectively. Of this marriage two children were born, namely: Mary E., who married Fred C. Hall, of Aurelius, and has two children — Edith E. and Anna V.; and Sarah B., wife of J. George Coapman.

Mr. Baker politically is an uncompromising Democrat, and has filled various offices of trust with satisfaction, and served on the County Board of Supervisors in the years 1876, 1880, and 1881. He is a man of sound judgment, and one whose opinions are held in general respect.

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**J**AMES CARPENTER REED. This name is widely known in Auburn as that of a highly respected and wealthy gentleman, who has retired from active farming, and become a resident of the city. The Reeds are descended from early English immigrants, who settled in Connecticut; and James Reed, grandfather of James



C., and for whom the latter was named, came thence to the Empire State. He settled in the town of Amenia, Dutchess County, where he lived for the rest of his life, and died at the age of seventy-eight. His sons, Amos and Jesse, came to Aurelius, Cayuga County, in 1795, and succeeded in looking up a tract of land belonging to their father by purchase from a soldier who, in return for military services, had received from the government a grant of a square mile of land, or six hundred and forty acres. For this land James Reed paid fifty dollars in money.

In due time the tract was surveyed, and the two sons settled down to active farming, Amos taking the northern and Jesse the southern half. Amos was already married; but Jesse found a wife in this new region—Joanna Carpenter, of Elbridge, formerly Camillus, Onondaga County. Miss Carpenter was born in Goshen, Orange County, and was the daughter of Moses Carpenter, an officer of the Revolution, and afterward a pioneer in Onondaga County, where he served as Justice of the Peace, and was the first to hold the office of County Treasurer. As the land had been equally divided between the two brothers, Jesse, the father of Mr. Reed of this sketch, was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres; and here he lived until his death, July 26, 1831. His prominence is attested by the fact that he held various town offices, being repeatedly called upon by his fellow-townsmen to serve in an official capacity. He also assisted largely in the formation of the First Presbyterian Society at

Auburn, and in the erection of its first house of worship. Mrs. Jesse Reed survived her husband thirty-six years, dying in 1867 at the age of eighty-eight.

James Carpenter Reed, son of Jesse and Joanna Carpenter Reed, was born in Aurelius, September 2, 1810. He received his early education in the Auburn district school and in a private school at Skaneateles, and, being of a practical turn of mind, made the best of his opportunities. After completing his studies, he took charge of the home farm, which he carried on until 1868, and which he still owns. His thorough knowledge of farming in all its branches and his keen intelligence and shrewd foresight all contributed to make him one of the most successful agriculturists in the county. His business talents, practical methods, and good stock of common sense soon made him respected by his fellow-townsmen; and he was called upon by them at different times to serve as Justice of the Peace, Supervisor, and Postmaster of Aurelius, which latter office he held for several years.

In 1868 Mr. Reed removed to Auburn, where he purchased the residence No. 159 Genesee Street, where he now lives. Although passing so many years on the farm, Mr. Reed was interested in city affairs, and for the last forty years has been connected with the Auburn Gas Company, being now its Vice-President. Mr. Reed is not idle or inactive in his retirement; for his real estate in the city demands considerable care, as it includes stores, dwelling-houses, and one manufacturing plant.



Mr. Reed was united in marriage in 1838 to Charlotte Ann Canfield, of Elbridge, Onondaga County, N.Y., the daughter of William M. and Polly (Goodrich) Canfield. Mr. and Mrs. Canfield were natives of Rensselaer County, New York, and after marriage settled in the town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were Presbyterians in religion, and Mr. Canfield was by occupation a farmer and a capitalist. He held various offices, among them Justice of the Peace and Postmaster. He was known far and wide as Squire Canfield, and, with his excellent wife, was greatly respected. Mrs. Reed, who is still living, has proved a most faithful companion to her husband through the many happy years of their married life. Mr. Reed is remarkably well preserved for one of his years; and this may be ascribed in part to heredity, most of his ancestors attaining longevity, but in part, also, it may be ascribed to his regular and temperate life, exemplifying the rugged virtues of a hardier social régime. In surveying thus briefly the prosperous and typical American career of Mr. Reed, the attention of the reader will be attracted toward the realistic portrait of the gentleman, as it appears on another page, and which will be recognized instantly by his numerous friends.

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**M**ANSON B. DURYEE, one of the most respected native citizens of Niles, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born at the old family homestead, August 16,

1825. His grandfather F. Duryee came to Cayuga County at an early day, when the country was in a wild state, and easy and rapid travel was as yet an unacquired art. On many occasions the elder Mr. Duryee and his son Frederick had to team their wheat to Albany to pay taxes and buy merchandise. The first land owned here by the Duryees was the farm now occupied and owned by Mrs. Hayden, bordering on Owasco Lake. The grandfather cleared and improved the land, building thereon a log house, which was the home of the family for many years. Here he passed his last days, cared for by his son, Frederick Duryee, who was a farmer, and was a veteran of the War of 1812, being one of the first to respond to the call to arms in defence of the country. Frederick Duryee was married to Isabel Stark, of Oswego; and they had nine children—James, Lucinda, Betsy, William, Richard, Esther, Benjamin, Manson B., and Henry M.

Manson B., the eighth child and fifth son of Frederick and Isabel (Stark) Duryee, was educated in the district school of Niles, where he was known as a diligent pupil, although his studies were pursued at a disadvantage, he having the misfortune to lose the sight of his right eye when he was eight years of age. As soon as he was old enough to be of use, he began to pursue the calling of his father and grandfather, that of a farmer; and his natural bent for this occupation has always enabled him to follow it with profit and success. On the death of his father he bought the farm he now resides on.



Mr. Duryee was married in July, 1853, to Hulda S. Standish, the daughter of Orin and Martha Standish, of Connecticut. He cast his first vote for President for Zachary Taylor, and has always been an upholder of the Republican party since its formation. Mr. Duryee has never sought for or held any public office, being a man chary of publicity, preferring the quiet life of a tiller of the soil to any office or emoluments that might be offered him. He is a man of many friends, and his sterling worth and integrity are testified to by all who know him.

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**J**OSIAH H. HAMILTON, Superintendent of Section 7 of the Erie Canal, was born in the town of Cato in this county, January 4, 1831, son of David H. and Emily (Tryon) Hamilton. David H. Hamilton was born in the town of Brutus, and, living there all his life, was engaged in the occupation of a farmer. He was a strong representative man of his town, and occupied several important positions, being Supervisor and Assessor, and also Superintendent of the Poor. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he successively held the positions of Deacon and Elder. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Owasco, Cayuga County, and was a daughter of Levi Tryon, a well-known citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton had two children; namely, Levi T. and the subject of this sketch.

Josiah H. Hamilton received his early education at the Weedsport Union School, and

was associated with his father on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he moved onto the farm of about one hundred acres, which he now owns. While on the farm, Mr. Hamilton was appointed Assessor for the town of Brutus, continuing in that office for a period of nine years, his election being due to the Republican party. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Assembly for the North District of Cayuga by the Democrats, he having been a member of the Democratic party since 1872. During his association with the Assembly Mr. Hamilton was a member of several important committees, among others being that of Internal Affairs and Joint Library. In this connection he served with honor to himself and credit to his constituents. Mr. Hamilton still owns his farm, which is charmingly situated two miles north-west of Weedsport. He has, however, been a resident of Weedsport since 1891.

In March, 1890, he was appointed to his present responsible position on the Erie Canal by Superintendent of Public Works Edward Hannan. Section 7 extends from Camillus Feeder through Cayuga and Seneca Counties to the Wayne County east line, and ten miles into Onondaga County. Mr. Hamilton has the sole charge of keeping and repairing the canal for a distance of thirty-one miles, and attends to a force of twenty-eight regular employees, which is sometimes increased to one hundred. In addition to his other public offices, Mr. Hamilton has been a delegate to the Democratic County Conven-



tions, and has also been Chairman of the Congressional Conventions for four years.

Mr. Hamilton's first wife was Miss Harriet Gregory, daughter of Zedeek Gregory, of Fleming, the marriage taking place on June 22, 1853. The death of Mrs. Harriet G. Hamilton occurred four years later, in February, 1857. In 1858 Mr. Hamilton married for his second wife Miss Sarah Jane Crossman, of Sennett, N.Y., the daughter of David C. Crossman, who was formerly a prominent farmer of Brutus.

Mr. Hamilton is an exceedingly well-posted man in parliamentary laws, and in all his public positions has served with honor and distinction, and to the satisfaction of his supporters.

**A**LLEXANDER BOTHWELL, a native of Genoa, Cayuga County, N.Y., of which place he is an esteemed resident, was born January 24, 1814. His father was born in Salem, Mass., August 10, 1773. Mr. Bothwell, Sr., was one of the early settlers in Genoa, leaving his native place when he was twenty-four years old, and transporting his goods and chattels by means of an ox sled, camping at nights in the wood. It took him three weeks to make the trip, there being five in the company. Upon his arrival in 1794, one hundred years ago, he bought fifty acres of land of John Bowker. Like all the early pioneers, he had great hardships to endure and difficulties to contend with; but, with the determination characteristic of his race, he overcame them all. His

first habitation was a log cabin, in which he and his family lived for a year, doing without a floor, and utilizing a blanket for a door, the table being a barrel with a board placed across. In course of time his condition and prospects materially improved, and he moved from the old log cabin to a fine frame house which he had built. He met with success in his career as a farmer, adding acre after acre to the original fifty, until at the time of his death his farm comprised two hundred and thirty acres. The old original deed of the first fifty acres of land is still carefully preserved in the family. He was married January 9, 1797, to Martha Wilson, who was also a native of Salem, Mass., the daughter of Samuel and Molly (Hopkins) Wilson, the nuptials taking place in what was then the town of Milton, Onondaga County. The children of this marriage numbered eight; namely, James, Robert, Samuel, Jane, Lewis, Polly, Alexander, and Martha. Of this large family only one survives at this day, the subject of the present sketch. The father died January 9, 1843, his wife surviving him twenty-one years, dying April 12, 1864.

Alexander was the seventh child and the youngest of the five sons. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and, after arriving at the age of manhood, started in the general merchandise business at East Genoa, keeping a store there for six and a half years. His inclination turning to the life of a farmer, he then disposed of his store, and purchased a farm, situated east of Genoa and comprising about fifty acres. He added to it



by further purchases until he had acquired one hundred and seventy-five acres, and, selling it in 1866, bought his present place of fifty-six acres.

Mr. Bothwell was united in marriage January 11, 1842, to Lavilla S. Haskins, daughter of Abel and Hannah (Rayner) Haskins, of Lansing, Tompkins County, this State, five children being the fruit of the union; namely, Mary, Clinton, Frank, Lavilla, De Witt H. The eldest daughter, Mary, is married to Edgar Birdsall, of Genoa, and has no family. Clinton died at the age of eighteen. Frank married Frances M. Sharpsteen, of Genoa, and has three children: Mary F., attending school at Buffalo; L. Belle D.; and Fred. A. Lavilla Bothwell died at the age of thirteen. De Witt married Belle Eggleston, of Ludington, Mich., and is now a resident of Toledo, Ohio. They have the following family: Edna L., Edgar C., Donald C., Rodney A., Helen M., Robert, and Florence. Mrs. Lavilla S. Bothwell, a most estimable woman and exemplary wife, died June 18, 1885, at the age of sixty-eight.

Mr. Bothwell has filled several positions of trust and responsibility, being a Justice of the Peace for over twenty years, Collector and Constable, and also Overseer of the Poor for one year. He is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Sons of Temperance, having become early alive to the evils of intemperance, and actively supporting the principles of his order on all occasions. In politics Mr. Bothwell has always voted the Republican ticket, hav-

ing been connected with that party from its formation, casting his first vote for Martin Van Buren in 1836.

Mr. Bothwell, by reason of his long and varied experience and marked interest displayed toward the city of his birth, has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow-townpeople to a high degree. His maxim has evidently been that one can only have the highest happiness by having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world, as well as for himself.

CHARLES R. BERRY, a prominent attorney of the Cayuga County bar, having been in practice in Port Byron, N.Y., since 1858, was born in the town of Fayette, Seneca County, N.Y., July 23, 1825, the son of Richard and Melissa (Brewster) Berry. Richard Berry was of French lineage, and came when a young man from the eastern part of this State to Seneca County, where he engaged as a farmer and dealer in stock. He died when his son Charles R. was about two years old. His wife was born in Orange County, New York, and was the daughter of Samuel Brewster, who was a veteran in the Revolutionary War, he having served five years of the seven of that memorable struggle. Mr. Brewster died about the year 1833, at the town of Sodus, Wayne County, N.Y.

Charles R. Berry received his early education at Aurora, Erie County, N.Y., his mother having married Mr. Sherman Forbes, and moved there. He had a good common-



school education, supplemented by a thorough course in the Aurora Academy. He worked on a farm for about five years, and then learned the painter's trade in Waterloo, Seneca County, N.Y.; following that for about ten years, during which time he came to Port Byron, and read law with the Hon. Horace V. Howland, being admitted to the bar at the general term held at Rochester, N.Y., in September, 1858. He then located his office for practice in Port Byron, and has continued in business alone ever since, being now one of the oldest and most respected members of the Cayuga County bar, having been a member of the bar for thirty-six years. Mr. Berry has not been an aspirant for office; but has been elected Trustee of the village several times, and has also been a number of times elected a member of the Board of Education of the Port Byron Free School and Academy.

Mr. Berry has been twice married. Of his first marriage, which was with Miss Olive K. Hatch, of Waterloo, Seneca County, N.Y., two children were born, both of whom are deceased. He was united in marriage the second time to Miss Maria A. Hasseltine, of Port Byron, of which union two children were born, namely: Charles W., who is also an attorney-at-law, and is now employed in the War Department at Washington, D.C.; and George R., a resident of Port Byron, N.Y.

Mr. Charles R. Berry is a Past Master of Port Byron Lodge, No. 130, A. F. & A. M., and also Past High Priest of Morris Chapter, No. 156, of Port Byron, besides being a member of Salem Town Commandery of Auburn,

N.Y. He was present as the representative of his lodge at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in the City of New York, and was also present at the dedication of the temple as a Knight Templar with Salem Town Commandery of Auburn, N.Y. Mr. Berry is a living example of what determination and energy can do, having raised himself by his own unaided exertions to his present honorable position, which reflects credit upon himself and the profession which he so ably represents.

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**A**SAPH W. SHURTLEFF is an influential attorney and counsellor-at-law in Weedsport: but he was born in Hatley, Stanstead, near Quebec, Can., April 22, 1833, and was the son of Lathrop Shurtleff, M.D., and his wife, Ruth Little. The father was not born in Canada, however, but in Vermont, in 1799, where he studied medicine, and married a New Hampshire girl. He began practice in Canada, and there his son Asaph was born; but he never gave up his United States citizenship. He died in 1862. His wife survived him twenty-one years, not dying till 1883, and leaving twelve children. His father, Asaph W. Shurtleff, for whom the subject of this sketch was named, was a trader, who went to Canada from Vermont. He belonged to an old New England family; and the lineage is traceable through several generations in the old Bay State, as well as the Green Mountain State.

The younger Asaph received his first educa-



tion in Canada, and at the age of seventeen came to Red Creek, Wayne County, where for three years he attended the academy. Thereafter he began the study of law with Solomon Giles, of Weedsport, in July, 1853, remaining in that office till admitted to the bar at Auburn, January 7, 1858, at the age of twenty-five. Nor did he then leave the office, inasmuch as he was admitted to partnership with Mr. Giles; but at the expiration of a year he determined to strike out for himself, and went to Kentucky. Now came the Rebellion; and on April 28, 1861, at its outbreak, Mr. Shurtleff enlisted in Company H of the Nineteenth New York Volunteers for three months' service, as it was the general delusion that by midsummer the war would be over. The regiment was sent to Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Mr. Shurtleff was on duty somewhat longer than three months, however; for he was not discharged till October 11, 1861, at Muddy Branch, Md., on account of disability. Then he came home to Weedsport, and resumed practice there for a while; but later he speculated in Wall Street, New York City, where he remained some ten years, when he once more returned to Weedsport, and has been in active practice here since 1873.

Mr. Shurtleff's marriage took place soon after his war experience, on April 22, 1862; and the bride was Louisa B. De Witt, the daughter of Dr. De Witt, of Auburn, though she was born in Ulster County in 1840. They have only one child, Anna Louise Shurtleff, who is still at home. The family

attend the Episcopal church, Mr. Shurtleff being a Vestryman in the parish, of which he has also been a Warden.

Though not the sort of a man to ask for office, he has been President of his village several times, and he has also served for many years on the Board of Education, and is now on the academic board. Till 1872 he voted with the Republican party, but then joined the Democratic ranks, with Horace Greeley as Presidential candidate, in opposition to General Grant's second nomination. Mr. Shurtleff was made a Mason in 1859, in Weedsport Lodge, No. 385. He also belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 151, at Port Byron. As an ex-soldier he of course belongs to the Weedsport Post of the Grand Army. His practice extends to all the counties of the State, and to all States of the Union; and he has a record creditable to any gentleman of his profession. A philosophic writer has said, and the words apply to the subject of this sketch, "I do not say the mind gets informed by action, bodily action; but it does get earnestness and strength by it, and that nameless something that gives a man the mastership of his faculties."

**D**ANIEL B. SATTERLY. In the great Empire State are to be found some extensive agriculturists who bring to their calling rare business skill and excellent judgment. Many of the most enterprising of these are to be found in Cayuga County, and prominent among the number is



the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this brief sketch. He is successfully engaged as a tiller of the soil on his fine homestead in the town of Locke, where he has a well-appointed farm, and, in addition to general farming, pays especial attention to dairying, having twenty head of valuable cows, grade and full-blooded Holsteins, one cow alone producing sixty pounds of butter in the month of June, 1893. He is a native of the town of Chester, Orange County, N.Y., where he was born October 8, 1829. Of his remote ancestry little is known, excepting that his grandfather Satterly was a native and a lifelong resident of the Empire State.

His parents, Theodore and Huldah (McWhorter) Satterly, were also natives of Orange County, his father having been born April 2, 1804, and his mother March 16, 1805. Theodore Satterly spent the years of his early life in the county wherein he was born, and was there for quite a long time engaged in farming. In 1850 he migrated to Chemung County, and there carried on an extensive business in general agriculture, and was also profitably employed as a cattle-broker and as a hotel-keeper. He was very prosperous in all of his enterprises, and was widely and favorably known as a man of good ability and sterling worth. He died when little past the prime of life, on May 8, 1865, in Chemung County; while his good wife survived him, dying May 2, 1879. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and he was liberal in his religious views. In his early days he was a Whig in politics, but on

the dissolution of that party he identified himself with the Republican party. Socially, he was a member of the Chester Lodge of Odd Fellows. Four children, all sons, were born into the parental household, the following being their record: William M., the eldest, who was born December 24, 1827, was a successful market gardener in Horseheads, Chemung County, where his death occurred on January 11, 1891. Daniel B., of Locke, was the second. John H., who was born October 22, 1831, learned the trade of a harness-maker in his younger days, but afterward became a physician, and had a good practice in the State of Ohio, where he died December 20, 1887. Isaac C., born December 17, 1842, died January 30, 1843.

Daniel B. Satterly was reared to manhood in the town of his birth, where he acquired a substantial education in its public schools and the Chester Academy. At the age of eighteen years he began life on his own account, first securing employment with the well-known firm of Figgles, Leeds & Co., general commission merchants of New York City, with a branch house in Orange County, of which Mr. Satterly had the entire management for four years. The following fourteen years Mr. Satterly was engaged in farming on his father's farm in Ontario County, where he met with such excellent success that he concluded to become a land-owner and make agriculture his life work. Coming to Cayuga County in 1861, he purchased the farm which he has since occupied, comprising one hundred and ten acres in the town of Locke and



eight acres in Summer Hill. He is practical and painstaking, and has his land under high cultivation, and well furnished with substantial improvements, the estate being a standing monument to his industry and good management. Mr. Satterly is a Republican in politics, and has served with fidelity for fifteen years as Assessor and Poor Master, besides holding minor offices. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious belief, and are everywhere respected for their many virtues.

The union of Mr. Satterly with Rebecca M. Conkling was celebrated November 9, 1853. Mrs. Satterly is a native of Chemung County, having been born in Horseheads, April 23, 1834, being a daughter of Vincent and Sarah (Mathews) Conkling, both of whom were natives of Chemung County, the father having been born in Horseheads, October 8, 1802, and his wife on November 28, 1808. Mr. Conkling was a successful farmer, and was also engaged in the distillery business in Horseheads, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was a Democrat in politics; and both he and his wife, who died at the age of eighty-two years, were liberal in their religious belief. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Satterly, Stoddard and Julia Anna Conkling, were both life-long residents of the town of Goshen, Orange County. Mr. Daniel B. Satterly and his wife are the parents of five children, the following being their record: Lillie M., born September 2, 1854, is the wife of William M. Elliot, of St. Mary's, Kan. Cora C., born December 9, 1856, is the wife of Robert C. Barnes,

of Topeka, Kan. Sarah A., born April 26, 1859, is the wife of John W. Sage, of Dover, Shawnee County, Kan. Huldah J., born November 7, 1862, married Charles M. Hart, and lives on the home farm. Mary M., born March 4, 1870, is the wife of Milton B. Murphy, of Medicine Bow, Wyo.

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**D**EXTER WHEELER, one of the most intelligent and prosperous agriculturists of Cayuga County, owns and occupies a valuable homestead in the town of Venice, which is the place of his birth, the date thereof being May 18, 1843. During his half-century of life, which has been passed in this vicinity, he has won for himself an enviable reputation as an honest man and a good citizen, and as one who has contributed his full quota toward the advancement and development of one of the finest counties in the State of New York. He is of New England origin, his father, Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr., having been born in Seekonk, Mass., in 1817. His father, Cyrenus Wheeler, Sr., was a native of Massachusetts, and when a young man resided for several years in Fall River. In 1835, accompanied by his family, he came to Cayuga County, New York, and, buying two hundred acres of land in the town of Venice, resumed his occupation of farming. He was an energetic man, reared to habits of diligence and thrift, and bound to succeed in whatever he undertook. He improved a fine homestead, and on it erected a good set of farm buildings, making



it one of the most desirable places in the vicinity, and there spent the remainder of his long and active life, departing from the scenes of his earthly labors on July 4, 1887, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years. He married Thirza D. Evans, the fruit of their union being five children; namely, Cyrenus, Jr., Candace, Delaney, Marion, and Henry J. Wheeler.

Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Fall River, and as soon as old enough to be of any assistance was put to work in one of the cotton-mills of that great manufacturing city. He was not only industrious and ambitious, but he had great mechanical ability; and at the age of seventeen years he had become proficient in the business of the mills. After coming to Venice, he turned his attention to agriculture, and subsequently purchased a farm adjoining his father's, where he lived until 1865, when he removed to Auburn, in the interest of a machine which he had patented, and which was manufactured at the State prison by Barber, Sheldon & Co. While residing in Venice, he was influential in local affairs, and served as Supervisor and as Justice of the Peace for several years. He was three times married. His first wife was before marriage Harriet Kendall, being a daughter of Charles Kendall, an early settler of Venice; and of their union two children were born — Lucy M. and Dexter. He next married Susan Fray, of Castile, Wyoming County, who bore him one child, Harriet F. His third wife was Jane Barker, a daughter of John A. Barker, of Ledyard; and to them were born

three children — Charles B., Allen M., and Thirza, the last two now deceased. Charles B. married Frances Rochester, daughter of Dr. Thomas Rochester; and they are the parents of two children — Thomas R. and Jennie B. (For further parental history see sketch of Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr.)

Dexter Wheeler, son of Cyrenus and Harriet (Kendall) Wheeler, acquired the rudiments of his education in the district schools of his native town, and subsequently pursued his studies at the Aurora Academy, and afterward attended the Cortland Academy one year. Fitted for a professional career, he taught one year in Cortland Academy; and then, after teaching one term in a district school, he began farming, and, finding the occupation congenial as well as profitable, he has since continued thus employed. He is a gentleman in the prime of life, active, energetic, with a clear head for business, and has for many years been a prominent factor in the industrial interests of this section of the county.

In 1865 Mr. Wheeler took an important step in his successful career, being then united in marriage with Fanny A. Hotchkiss, the daughter of Solomon G. and Olive (Branch) Hotchkiss, of Vermont. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hotchkiss were Ludwick and Anna (Willard) Hotchkiss, of Connecticut; while her maternal grandparents, Jephtha and Irene (Arnold) Branch, were natives and life-long residents of Vermont. Her grandparents on both sides of the house removed to New York, and, settling



in Cortland County in the early days of its settlement, were among its most enterprising pioneers, rendering good service in transforming the primeval forest into cultivable land, teeming with rich promises for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Branch made the journey from Vermont with an ox team, driving their cows and camping on the way. They milked the cows at night and in the morning, and what they did not use was placed in the wagon; and, before reaching their place of destination, the milk had been churned by the motion of the wagon into good butter. After selecting their land, they cleared a space in the wilderness, on which their first improvement was a rude log house for the family residence. This was afterward replaced by a substantial modern structure, which was occupied by them until their deaths. The homestead which they so well improved is now in the possession of and occupied by some of their descendants.

Of the union of Mr. Wheeler and his estimable wife four children have been born; namely, Willard C., Harriet K., Henry D., and Jennie H. Willard C., who married Marion Cameron, resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he is Superintendent of the Crandall Typewriting Company. Harriet is the wife of Edwin Fessenden, of King's Ferry, and has one child—Lucy W. Henry, the youngest son, is a rising young physician, who, after attending the academy at Aurora, spent two years in Buffalo College, and was subsequently graduated at Long Island College Hospital, with the degree of M.D.

In social and private life Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are held in high regard, and in their pleasant home their hosts of friends ever meet with a glad welcome. Mr. Wheeler takes pleasure in doing whatever he can to advance the interests of his town, and has served it well in different capacities, having been Justice of the Peace for eighteen years and Postmaster a full score of years, resigning this position in February, 1894; and for several terms he made a most efficient Supervisor, serving during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887, and one term when he was elected to the office being obliged to resign on account of ill-health. Since 1889 he has served most acceptably as a Trustee of the Hazard Library. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, which he joined twenty-seven years ago, and in which he has served as Master of the Lodge. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Religiously, he is a valued member of the Society of Friends, and Mrs. Wheeler is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. In political affairs Mr. Wheeler is a stanch Republican, and in 1864 cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. In 1863 he was drafted into the service of his country.

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**M**ICHAEL McGRATH, JR., is the local agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Union Springs, where he was first stationed in August, 1889; and



his prospects are good for rapid and high advancement in the employment of the company. He is a capable young man, hardly thirty years old, being born in 1863, January 6, almost a New Year's gift to his parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Lalor) McGrath, at their home in the town of Cayuga, in the county of the same name. The senior Michael McGrath has been a resident of Cayuga Village for over thirty years; but he was born in 1829 at the village of Graigue-nassnutton, Queen's County, Ireland, which had long been the ancestral home of the McGraths. At the age of twenty-two, about the year 1850, young Michael came to America and to Auburn, and was employed by the New York Central Railroad in work about the freight houses and offices. In that town he married Elizabeth Lalor, about the year 1853, and was soon after transferred by the road to its Cayuga station, to take entire charge of the woodyard, no coal then being used for the locomotives, which had to be wooded up at every point. His useful relations to the railroad continued till he retired from active labor, though still living at Cayuga. While in Auburn, Mr. McGrath was connected with the Catholic parish called the Holy Family; but in Cayuga he attended St. Joseph's Church, having been one of its earliest members. His wife was born in Dublin County, about 1834, and was therefore five years his junior; but she came to Auburn in her youth, and there fell a willing subject to Michael's manly persuasions. From this union came three boys besides Michael. John and Will-

iam McGrath, born in 1854 and 1856, live in Cayuga; but Thomas, born in 1858, is train baggage-master on the Lehigh Valley Railroad out of Auburn. As it was the regret of both parents and sons that there was no girl in the family, they adopted a daughter, Mary McGrath. As may be seen from this record, the men of the family have a natural affinity for the iron road.

The junior Michael McGrath of course went to school in Cayuga; but in 1882, when he was nineteen, he obtained employment in the office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, on the Cayuga Lake Branch. Though he was chiefly baggage-master and office assistant, he was bright enough to pick up so much telegraphy as enabled him soon to become an expert operator. Therefore, in due time, 1887, he was sent to West Danby, in Tompkins County, as station agent, in full charge of all its departments, the express business not excepted. The station being small, so competent a man could care for its duties with little outside help. So faithfully did he fill the place that at the expiration of two years, in August, 1889, he was transferred to his present position, where he has entire charge of one of the best stations in the county outside of Auburn. During the vacation and the season of summer's travel the passenger traffic is enormous, while in the plaster season the freightage is very heavy. The shipments of limestone for building purposes are also very heavy, the quarries being located here. Not only are there the trains over the main line to be cared for, but also those on the branch line



to Cayuga. Yet in this larger office, as in Danby, Mr. McGrath is able to discharge every duty satisfactorily.

As has been well said, "Ability involves responsibility. Power, to its last particle, is duty." But ability without faithfulness is insufficient, and this latter quality also belongs to Mr. McGrath. As Dean Stanley has said: "Give us a man, young or old, high or low, on whom we know we can thoroughly depend, who will stand firm when others fail. The friend faithful and true, the adviser honest and fearless, the adversary just and chivalrous—in such a one there is a fragment of the Rock of Ages." In politics Mr. McGrath is a Democrat, and in religion he follows the faith of his fathers. He belongs to St. Joseph's Parish in Cayuga, and also to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. By courtesy, as well as capability, he is well fitted for his work, being popular both with his fellow-citizens and the travelling public; and his efficient faithfulness has won the confidence of his superior officers.

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**C**LINTON SMITH, an enterprising, practical, and progressive agriculturist of the town of Fleming, is the proprietor of an excellent farm, pleasantly situated on the west bank of Owasco Lake; and here he is largely engaged in general farming, exercising great skill and good judgment in this pursuit. He is a native of the town where he now resides, having been born within the limits of Fleming, April 3, 1835.

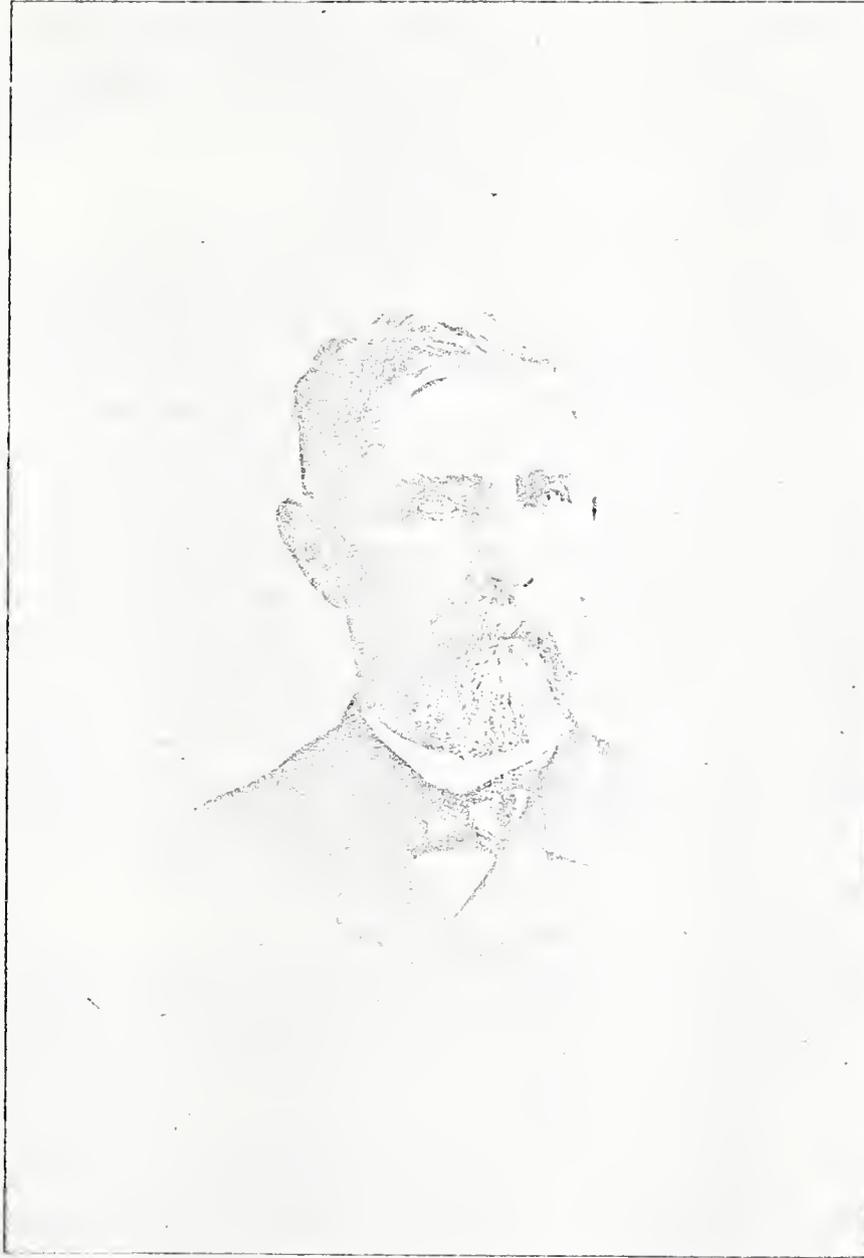
He is a son of Dr. Samuel and Mary (Doane) Smith, natives of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Fleming. For further ancestral history see the sketch of his brother, Harvey Smith.

Clinton Smith received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and during his vacations assisted his father in the care of the nursery on the farm. He thus in his early years became well acquainted with horticultural labors, and remained a member of the parental household until twenty-five years old. With the natural desire of a young man for a home of his own, Mr. Smith then bought a farm north-west of Fleming Hill; and soon afterward, in 1861, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Elizabeth Henry, a native of Aurelius and a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hitchcock) Henry. Installing his bride as the head of his household, he began the improvement of his land, and for several years was engaged in mixed husbandry there. He subsequently disposed of that property, and bought another farm in the same town, where he carried on farming and dairying profitably until 1874, when he purchased the homestead where he now resides. Here he has labored with unremitting industry, and has met with richly deserved success. His homestead is advantageously located, being on the bank of Cayuga County's most beautiful lake, only three miles from the court-house; and, with the substantial improvements which he has placed upon it, he invariably elicits words of praise and admiration from the passer-by.

Mr. Smith is a man of good financial abil-



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ity and keen foresight, and occupies a secure position in the consideration and respect of his fellow-citizens. In his political views he is independent, using his own best judgment in casting his ballot instead of blindly following any political leader, or giving an unqualified adherence to any party.

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**J**OHAN PHELPS, the worthy descendant of a representative pioneer of Cayuga County, and a life-long resident of Ira, occupies a prominent position among the well-to-do agriculturists of this locality, where he is prosperously engaged in dairying and general farming. His birth occurred on the homestead where he has spent his seventy-five years of usefulness and activity. His paternal great-grandfather was a pioneer of Saratoga County, New York; and on the homestead in that county Israel Phelps, the grandfather of John, was born, reared, and passed his entire life, dying there at the advanced age of eighty years.

Luther Phelps, son of Israel, was also born on the old Phelps homestead in Saratoga County, and there became familiar with the mysteries of farming. When about to start in life for himself, he came to Cayuga County, performing the journey on foot, and following a path marked by blazed trees. After careful deliberation he bought a tract of timbered land in the city of Auburn, which was then a small hamlet known as Hardenburg's Corners. Returning to Saratoga County soon afterward, he was there united in

marriage to Ruth Sleight, a demure young lady, of Massachusetts birth; and they came here together, and began housekeeping on the farm which he had previously purchased. He subsequently sold that property, and, removing to Ira, bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son John, above named. His purchase consisted of one hundred acres of wooded land, on which his first improvement was the erection of a log house for a dwelling. He was a hard-working, persevering man, one who observed and thought for himself, possessing shrewd common sense; and his labors were crowned with success. He made various and substantial improvements, and purchased more land, until he had at the time of his death one hundred and seventy valuable acres, mostly in tillage or pasture land. He was a man of much force of character, upright and honest in all of his dealings, and well worthy of the respect accorded him by his fellow-townsmen. He lived to be eighty-five years old, passing away on the homestead, where he had enjoyed so many years of happiness and comfort, in 1865. He was ever devoted to the interests of his country, and fought for the "Star-spangled Banner" in the War of 1812. He was a strong Republican in his political tendencies, and very liberal in his religious views. His wife was an active member of the Presbyterian church. Their family circle was completed by the birth of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and three of whom are now living, namely: John, of the town of Ira; Myron, who lives in Fulton; and Su-



sanna, the wife of Nathan Burke, of Weedsport.

John Phelps, son of Luther and Ruth, was born on May 4, 1819. He had better opportunities for obtaining an education than often fell to the lot of pioneers' children, and, after leaving the district schools of Ira, pursued his studies at the academies of Elbridge and Victory. He assisted his father in clearing and improving the homestead, and watched with gratification its gradual development from a dense forest to a beautiful farm, yielding abundant harvests, and was an important factor in its transformation. The homestead property has come into his possession since the death of his father; and here he carries on mixed husbandry on an extensive scale, his principal crops being oats, wheat, and corn. He has a dairy of from fifteen to twenty-five cows of native stock, one of the largest in the neighborhood, and is a stockholder in the Ira Butter and Cheese Factory.

Mr. Phelps was united in marriage October 29, 1845, to Mariette Robinson, a native of Oswego County, born in the town of Hannibal, November 17, 1823. Her parents were Isaac and Betsey (Thomson) Robinson, natives of New York State, both of whom are now deceased, the father having passed away at the age of sixty years, while the mother lived to the ripe old age of ninety years. Mr. Phelps and his wife have four children, the following being their record: Walter, who resides in Buffalo, is a speculator. Florence, who married Charles Pulsipher, a farmer, lives in Cato. Carrie is the wife of Fred

Van Dusen, a speculator, residing in Cato. Nellie, who married Chauncey Cutting, lives on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps are now in their declining years enjoying the reward of early toil and self-sacrifice, having by diligence and good management obtained a competence. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and uniformly casts his vote in support of the principles of that party. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views, and are good citizens and neighbors, being among the most respected residents of Ira.

On an adjoining page is a portrait of Mr. Phelps, which his friends would recognize at a glance without the name.

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ARTHUR H. WHEELER, a well-known farmer, dairyman, and hay-dealer, was born August 10, 1859, in Sennett, Cayuga County, N.Y., where he now resides. His father, J. G. Wheeler, was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, as was also the grandfather, Levi J. Wheeler. The paternal great-grandfather was born in Scotland, and, on emigrating to this country, settled in Massachusetts, where he engaged in business as a farmer, dying there at the advanced age of ninety years. Levi Wheeler spent most of his life in Massachusetts, where he died in his eighty-second year. He married Miss Sarah Partridge, who was also of that State; and they reared two sons and four daughters.

J. G. Wheeler, one of the sons of Levi and



Sarah, was brought up to farming pursuits, and at the age of thirty-four came to Sennett, taking a tract of land and clearing it. He remained, however, but a short time, when he returned to Massachusetts and married. He then came back to Sennett, and took up a tract of land near where he had cleared the first. His wife dying in 1844, he sold out and bought the farm upon which his son Arthur H. now resides. Mr. Wheeler married for his second wife Miss Sarah Cole, who died, leaving one child, Emily J., now the widow of William Dwinell, who was a prominent farmer of Sennett. Mr. Wheeler's third marriage was to Miss Mary D. Dwinell, a daughter of Stephen Dwinell, of Sennett. They reared four children, namely: J. Clarence, born June, 1849, now residing at Elbridge, Onondaga County, N.Y.; Ella E., born August 6, 1851, residing in Pennsylvania; Edward D., born November 22, 1853, who is now in Kansas; and Arthur H., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur H. Wheeler was educated at the district schools of Sennett and at the Auburn Academy. He was brought up to farming, for which he had a natural aptitude. After his father's death he and his elder brother conducted the farm for eight years, at the end of which time he bought his brother out. He has a very fine dairy of from twenty-five to thirty cows, the milk being principally sold in the city. He also deals in hay.

Mr. Wheeler married on May 25, 1886, Miss Iva C. Daud, who was born in Harrison Valley, Pa., the daughter of Edward Daud.

Two children are the fruit of this union, namely: Flossie E., born February 3, 1889; and Glenn E., born February 2, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Baptist church of Sennett, of which Mr. Wheeler has been Deacon for the past four years. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Lodge No. 57, of Sennett, and in politics votes the Republican ticket. Mr. Wheeler is a young man with a remarkable degree of push and energy, and has already made for himself a fine business, besides enjoying to a high degree the esteem and confidence of his neighbors.

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CHARLES E. OLMSTED one of the many worthy citizens and capable and industrious agriculturists of Cayuga County, is a resident of Aurelius, and the descendant of an old New England family. He was born in Aurelius September 17, 1838. Connecticut was the birthplace of his ancestors for several generations back; and his great-great-grandfather, James Olmsted, in old Colonial times bought of Adrian Rutgers and Richard Sharpe, gentlemen, one hundred acres of land lying in Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, the deeds for the property, bearing the date of 1774, being now in the possession of the family. Noah Olmsted, great-grandfather of Charles E., was born and reared in the State of Connecticut, remaining there during the earlier part of his life. Prior to the Revolutionary War he emigrated to Saratoga County, bringing with him his family



and all of his earthly possessions, traversing the whole distance in wagons drawn by oxen, being obliged during the journey to pass through extensive woods and morasses, and to cross many creeks. He settled within three miles of the scene of Burgoyne's surrender, upon the farm bought by his father in Saratoga County, and given to him for a home. The first night they slept in a sheep-pen. In a few days they built a log house, with bed-quilts for doors. They slept in a loft overhead, or at least spent the night there, with the ladder drawn up for fear of the bears and wild-cats who held possession outside, and often made sleep impossible by their howlings below. Settlers were few in number and far between, but the forests were filled with an abundance of game of all kinds, forming the chief subsistence of the inhabitants; and the Indians and Tories were a constant terror to the brave pioneers who occasionally spent their nights in the woods, leaving their houses for fear of being burned out by their treacherous neighbors. At times would be brought the word, "The Tories are out!" when, taking their wives and children, they would seek their hiding-place in the thickets, the men standing guard outside. At one time the wife of Noah Olmsted, being tired of staying out, remained behind; then, becoming afraid, she followed after. Her husband, standing guard, saw something move. He raised at once his gun to fire, when his eye caught the sight of a white apron; and, knowing it was a woman before him, he withheld his hand. It proved to be his wife, who had

this narrow escape. Had it not been for the white apron, she would have been killed. Mrs. Olmsted was cautioned not to remain back again. Noah was a man of property and a slave-owner; and in the possession of the Olmsted family to-day is the deed of a negro slave, which he bought from John Lawrence, of Canada, paying for him seventy pounds and six shillings. He built the first tavern in Ballston; and until his death, which occurred in 1803, he was one of the leading citizens of that locality.

Lewis Olmsted, son of Noah, first saw the light in Saratoga County, A.D. 1784, and was there reared and educated. After marriage, being firmly convinced that there were greater facilities for bettering his financial condition in the undeveloped country of the Empire State, he came to Cayuga County, bringing his family with him in an emigrant wagon, oftentimes having to break a path through the wilderness. He purchased a tract of improved land in the town of Sennett, and carried on general farming there for seven years, having the assistance of his sons. He subsequently disposed of that property, and, coming to Aurelius, bought one hundred and eight acres of land, from which he improved a fine homestead. He labored with unceasing effort to reduce his land to a tillable condition; and from the crops which he raised he secured a comfortable living. Later in life a great misfortune befell him, his eyesight failing; and for thirty years before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, in Auburn, in 1845, at the age of seventy-six



years, he was totally blind. He married Lydia Olmsted, of Connecticut; and to them were born four sons and one daughter. An older brother of Lewis, Noah Olmsted, Jr., served as a Major in the "last war with England": and in one of the battles on the Canadian frontier, wishing to see where the enemy were, he stepped upon a stump, when a cannon-ball struck it, and knocked it out from under him. He lived on a large farm on North Street in Auburn, on the south of and adjoining the cemetery on that street, the land of which he gave to the First Presbyterian Church for burial purposes.

George Olmsted, son of Lewis and Lydia, was also born in Saratoga County. He obtained a fair education in the public schools of Sennett, where his youthful days were passed. After the removal of his parents to Aurelius he became an able assistant in the general work of the farm, and acquired a substantial knowledge of agriculture. On account of his father's affliction, the management of the home farm was left to him and his brothers, all of whom remained upon the homestead, one of them, Noah, dying there. The maiden name of the wife of George Olmsted was Sally Spaulding. She was a daughter of Ezra Spaulding, of Schoharie County. The Spauldings date back to 1640, when Edward Spaulding, an Englishman, came to this country, and settled in Chelmsford, Mass. His son Andrew was born November 19, 1652. Another, his son John, settled in Plainfield, Conn., where his son Edward, and Edward's son Isaac, and Isaac's son Isaac,

Jr., were born. Isaac Spaulding, Jr., moved to Hinsdale, Mass., where his son Ezra was born. Ezra Spaulding moved to Schoharie County, New York, where his daughter Sally, Mrs. Olmsted, was born. Her grandchildren, now arriving to early manhood and womanhood, make, with the foregoing, nine generations from the original American settlers. George and Sally Olmsted became the parents of two children — Hannah P. and Charles E. They spent a long and happy wedded life, and were held in high regard by their numerous friends and acquaintances in this part of the county. Both died in Aurelius at an advanced age, he passing on to the life beyond in 1884, at the age of seventy-six years; while she survived him until 1891, when she passed away, being then eighty-three years old.

Charles E. Olmsted, only son of this worthy couple, received his education in the district schools of his native town, and as soon as old enough began working on the home farm. Like his forefathers, he had a desire to push Westward in his ambition to secure a fortune, Cayuga County being then rather the centre of civilization than a wild frontier, as in the old pioneer days. Accordingly, when nineteen years old, he made a trip to the West, but did not stay very long. Later he made a second journey westward, spending six months, when he returned to Aurelius, and here soon began his career as an agriculturalist. In his chosen vocation he has been prospered, his practical and systematic methods, excellent judgment, and great



skill in his operations being conducive to success.

In July, 1874, Mr. Olmsted married Miss Alice Maycumber, a daughter of Lewis and Emeline (Palmer) Maycumber, respected residents of Aurelius. Of their marriage five children have been born; namely, Adelaide S., George L., Jessie H., Rose A., and Charles E., Jr. — all of whom are still members of the parental household. Politically, Mr. Olmsted is an earnest Republican, ever sustaining the principles of that party both by voice and vote.

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**DR.** IRA DEWITT BROWN, M.D., of Weedsport, is not only a prominent physician and surgeon, and something of a lawyer, but is still the editor of the *Cayuga Chief*, a journal which he founded in 1877. He was born in Sconon-  
doa, Oneida County, N.Y., September 9, 1830, and was named for his father, Ira Brown. His mother's maiden name was Lucy Hills.

Ira Brown was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was born in Galway, N.Y., whither his father came from Massachusetts in the early days. The son became a merchant in the town of Vernon, in Oneida County, and then kept a hotel in the same place, though in his latter days he found a home with his son, the Doctor, where he died at the age of eighty-five. For twenty years he was Town Constable, and also quite a detective, arresting many criminals. His wife, Miss Hills,

was a Vernon girl, born a few miles only from his own birthplace, so that they were always acquainted. Her father was Jesse Hills, one of the first settlers of the town. He came from Windham, Conn., in his boyhood, in company with his father, Seth Hills, who had been a Revolutionary soldier, and came to this region because he could have the award of a square mile of territory in compensation for his military services. Of course, he and Jesse had to clear the land, and make it productive and habitable; and they both became influential citizen farmers. By Lucy's marriage with Mr. Brown she had only two children — Ira DeWitt and his sister Zelia, who died many years ago.

Young Ira went first to the district school, and then to the Vernon Academy, after which he studied medicine with Dr. Asahel Norton, of Vernon, at the same time acting as clerk in a drug store till he could get a little money ahead. Then he went to a classical school in Knoxville, Madison County, taught by the Rev. Erwin W. Allen, who was not only an excellent teacher, but the lad's cousin. Ira's studies there completed, his father thought it best for him to enter a law office; and this he did, in accordance with his father's wish, though the course was not wholly to his own mind. Later he went to Clinton, in Oneida County, and established a paper called the *Oneida Chief*, which he continued for a year, then selling out and going to Camden, where he started another paper called the *Northern Light*; but this also he soon disposed of. His next change was to Vernon, where he en-



tered a law office. In due time he was admitted to the bar, when he was twenty-two years old, at the general term of the court held in Syracuse, in 1852; but this did not hinder a continuance of his medical studies, and for a season he also went back to Oneida and edited another *Oneida Chief*. At this time he married his wife, Miss Mary Jane Hunt, a niece of Eldad Hunt, of Oneida. At the expiration of two years he received an offer to go to Oswego, as editor-in-chief of the *Oswego Daily Times*; and he went thither in 1855, to take a prominent part in the campaign of 1856, stumping the county in the interest of General John C. Fremont, the first Presidential candidate of the Republican party, to whose interest the paper was of course devoted. Mr. Brown was a delegate to the earliest Republican convention ever held in the State, which first met at Saratoga, and then adjourned to Auburn, where a platform was adopted, a part whereof was written by Mr. Brown, and the other part by John Jay, of New York City. Fremont was defeated at the polls, and President James Buchanan elected; but the Republicans were more successful in 1860, when Abraham Lincoln was elected. During this second campaign Mr. Brown renewed his exertions with pen and voice, going into the adjoining counties as well as through his own. During the Civil War he was kept busy making addresses and raising recruits. Whenever there was delay in raising the quantity of men required by law, he was summoned. Meanwhile he had not given up the study of medicine, and now

was appointed House Surgeon in the Albany Hospital, where he treated many soldiers, and at the same time attended the Albany Medical College, where he was graduated with the highest honors the institution could bestow, and chosen the valedictorian of his class of 1865, the exercises being held in the old capitol. After a short further sojourn in the hospital, he came to Weedsport in 1866, on May 9, and began a practice which he has steadfastly continued for thirty years, except during some winters, which he has spent in Albany, acting as political correspondent for the *New York Times*, and also as reporter for the *Albany Evening Journal*, meanwhile having a substitute for his home practice.

In 1872 he was elected to the State Assembly for the Northern District of Cayuga County, and was placed on the House Committees on Public Printing and Public Health, and on the joint Library Committee. In the interest of his own town he secured an appropriation for building the vertical canal wall through Weedsport, and another appropriation for digging a salt-well. He also took very strong ground against the appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes; and this resulted in saving a million dollars to the State treasury. In this movement he was leader, as he was also in a more searching constitutional amendment, which passed both houses, forbidding either the State or any city or town to support with the public funds any denominational school, whether Catholic or Protestant. The Doctor was the better able to secure successful re-



sults, because of his apt familiarity with parliamentary law, largely gained from his journalistic work. Since this legislative experience he has found his practice largely increasing, and has been more successful at it than before. The love of journalism, however, evidently had a firm grip on the Doctor's life plan; and he might well have a peculiar affection for his brief, strong, expressive, and telling newspaper title. In 1877 he established another paper, this time called the *Cayuga Chief*.

Two sons have been born to the Doctor and his wife—Harry Durward and Charles Fremont, both with their father in the printing-office. Indeed, he could hardly carry on this work, in addition to his medical duties, were it not for their association in the business department. Nevertheless, the Doctor not only edits the *Chief*, but writes largely for its columns. This journal has always been independent in character, and has the largest and most distinguished circulation of any paper in the vicinity. In connection with this newspaper is an extensive job office, which receives nearly all the patronage of the community. The plant has all the conveniences belonging to a first-class modern office, including a cylinder press for turning out a large four-page sheet.

Dr. Brown has been a member of the local Board of Education, and was also Trustee when the new school-house was built, in 1885. As a physician, he has fitly been Health Officer for over a dozen years, and is President of the Board of Health. Masonically, he belongs

to Weedsport Lodge, No. 385, of which he has been Master; and he has been Noble Grand of the Southern Central Lodge of Odd Fellows, which he instituted in 1875.

Three notable judges of human nature have put on record three noteworthy sayings in regard to self-duty: "The more independent of accidents, the more self-subsistent, the more fraught with internal resources, the greater the character." "Help from without is often enfeebling in its effects, but help from within invariably invigorates." "Never violate the sacredness of your individual self-respect. Be true to your own mind and conscience, your heart, and your soul: so only can you be true to God." The first of these quotations is from that famous Swiss physiognomist, Lavater, the second from that biographical student, Samuel Smiles, the third from that immortal Boston champion of religious progress, the Rev. Theodore Parker; and this triune description applies to Dr. Brown's career and character.

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HENRY THOMAS was born in Dryden, Tompkins County, N.Y., September 15, 1829, the son of John and Anna (Smith) Thomas, who were married in New Jersey, their former home. The father came from near Trenton, N.J. His wife, Anna Smith, was a daughter of Aaron Smith. Both were of German descent. John Thomas followed the occupation of a carpenter at Dryden, but afterward went into the mill business, which he followed until his



death in the town of Locke, in Cayuga County. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and was the father of a family of eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity.

Henry Thomas received his education in Dryden, and afterward was with his father in the mill until 1850, when he went overland to California, via St. Joseph, Mo., Fort Kearney, and Fort Laramie, the journey occupying eighty-seven days from St. Joseph, Mo. At that time there were no houses from Fort Kearney till they struck Hangtown, Cal. They had no trouble except in stealing by the Indians. Mr. Thomas went to Oakland County, near Coloma, where gold was first discovered. Here, together with Mr. I. H. Ford, who accompanied him from Dryden, he opened a trading-post. He remained there for three years, made considerable money, and then returned to New York State by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. He then bought the mill in Dryden in which he had formerly worked, and, again with Mr. I. H. Ford as a partner, conducted it for three years, when he sold out. In 1862 he went to Groton, and bought a mill, which he managed until 1866, and then turned his attention to the mercantile business. In 1877 he went to Venice Centre, and bought the mill there, which he conducted until 1892. He was married June, 1855, to Miss Mary Ann Baker, daughter of David J. Baker, of Dryden; and two children were born to them, namely: Walter B.; and Georgiana, wife of G. M. Rockwell, of Dryden. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are supporters of the Congregational church. Mr. Thomas has

had a busy and eventful life, as well as a prosperous one, his success in the accumulation of this world's goods being due entirely to his own energy and perseverance.

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**W**ALTER B. THOMAS, proprietor of the Moravia Roller Mills at Moravia, N.Y., where he has been engaged in the milling business since November 1, 1889, was born at Dryden, Tompkins County, N.Y., July 11, 1858, the son of Henry and Mary Ann (Baker) Thomas. His father was engaged as a miller at Dryden, and afterward at Groton, and still later, beginning in the spring of 1877, in Venice Centre, whence he finally returned to Dryden. For several years, while a resident of Venice, Mr. Henry Thomas held the office of Collector of the town.

The education of Walter B. Thomas was received partly at the Groton common school and academy, and partly in Rochester, N.Y. Having learned the milling business by working in his father's mill, he went into the Moravia mills, which he run on a lease prior to 1890, and then bought them. He made many improvements in the property, in place of the old-style stone putting in rollers and other new appliances, the mill having a capacity of fifty barrels per day. He sells to the local trade mainly, and does a jobbing business as well. During his residence in Venice Mr. W. B. Thomas held the office of Town Clerk, and is now Trustee of the village of Moravia, a position which he fills with credit



and distinction. He has been actively connected with the fire department ever since he came here, and a part of the time has been its Chief.

Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Carrie Beam, of Union Springs, N.Y., May 25, 1887, and has two children; namely, Carlton B. and Georgiana. That he is an able business man has been demonstrated since he bought the mill by the large increase in its trade. He takes great interest in the welfare of the village, and is not sparing of his time or energy toward its development.

**J**OHAN SNYDER, whose face is familiar to all residents of the village of Scipio Centre, where he has served as Postmaster and Justice of the Peace for the past quarter of a century, is deserving of honorable mention in this volume as a worthy representative of the mercantile and agricultural interests of this part of the county, and as the descendant of a well-known and influential pioneer of the town of Venice. He is a native of this county, and first saw the light of this world in the town of Scipio, December 17, 1825.

Mr. Snyder's grandfather, Jacob Snyder, emigrated from Germany when a young man, and after his arrival in this country settled on the banks of the Hudson River, near the Catskill Mountains. This was about the middle of last century, and troublous times soon followed. He at once identified himself with the interests of his adopted country, en-

listed in its defence, and in the French and Indian War served under General Braddock, being at Genesee at that famous time when all the Indians suddenly disappeared. His patriotic ardor was again aroused on the firing of the first shot, April 19, 1775, which was "heard around the world"; and he again shouldered his musket, serving in the army throughout the Revolution, being with Washington at Valley Forge, and in many noted engagements. At the close of the war he was awarded five hundred acres of land in this part of the State; but, without ever coming to see his grant, he traded it off at Albany for a nominal price, and subsequently resided in that city.

Henry Snyder, son of Jacob, was born in Dutchess County, and there spent the earlier years of his life. He had no opportunities whatever for obtaining an education, but when a mere boy was apprenticed to learn the trade of a shoemaker; and, having a hard and cruel master, he was obliged to work Sundays to earn his clothing. After serving his apprenticeship, he was engaged at what was then known as "whipping the cat," which was going about the town, from house to house, and making in each the shoes for a whole family, remaining with them until each member was appropriately shod. Being very economical, as well as very industrious, looking well after each penny, he was enabled after a time to buy fifteen acres of stony land in his native county, paying for it the five hundred dollars he had hoarded up. On this land he labored as faithfully as he had in shoemak-



ing, spending all of his leisure minutes in building a stone wall around his farm; and, after occupying it five years, he sold it for fifteen hundred dollars. Then, packing his wife, three children, and all of his household goods on a sled, he started with his three horses for Cayuga County. On arriving in Venice, a Mr. Baldwin offered him the rent of a log house and all the firewood he needed, if he would take charge of his farm. This offer he accepted, and worked at his trade awhile. The first farm that he ever owned in this county he bought in 1800 of Judge Fitch, but subsequently sold it back to him, and purchased the Tom Parker farm. Laboring diligently, he gradually added to his first purchase of land; and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1860, he had one of the most valuable estates in this part of the county, containing six hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. His improvements were all of an excellent character, his fields being under good cultivation, his farm buildings being ample and convenient, and his dwelling substantial and commodious. The latter, which is still standing in a good state of preservation, is in the possession of the family. Henry Snyder married Elizabeth Hudson, a direct descendant of Hendrick Hudson, the discoverer of the river bearing his name; and they reared the following children — Thomas, Catherine, Henry, Ann, Emily, Amy, Jane, Elizabeth, and John.

The last-named son, who was the youngest child born into the parental household, acquired his education in the district schools of

Scipio. The farm being large and the laborers few, he was early sent into the fields, and while yet a boy did the work of a full-grown man, continuing thus to work until forced by ill-health to give it up. When twenty-one years of age, John Snyder received from his father one hundred acres of land, on which was a good house; and there he began farming on his own account, remaining on his farm until 1865, prosperously engaged in its cultivation. Having a natural aptitude for a business life, he then opened a store for general merchandise in the village of Scipio Centre, in connection with which he also dealt in lumber, and has continued thus engaged until the present time. Mr. Snyder's sterling integrity and general urbanity of manner have won him a large number of friends in this community; and his business energy and stability have secured a numerous and increasing patronage. In the mercantile as in the agricultural line he has achieved a well-merited success, and is numbered among the citizens of influence in his native town. In politics he is a staunch and true Republican, believing that in the principles of that party lie the germs for the future greatness of the country. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and belongs to Cayuga Lodge, No. 221, A. F. & A. M. He is liberal in his religious views, and is an esteemed member of the Universalist church.

The union of Mr. Snyder with Susan A. Miller, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Van Wyck) Miller, was solemnized in 1848. Mrs. Susan A. Snyder died November 20,



1892. Of their marriage two children were born—Anna E. and Maud. The elder daughter is the wife of W. G. Hoskins, of Auburn. Maud married Jerome Howell, and they live on the old homestead. Mr. Snyder was again married April 12, 1894, to Hattie E. Silkworth, of Onondaga County.



B. TANNER, proprietor of the Port Byron Dry Doeks, and also engaged in boat-building, was born in Dix, N.Y., May 14, 1841, and is the son of Lyman and Hulda (Byrum) Tanner, the former of whom was born in Dix in 1812, and the latter in the town of Enfield, Tompkins County, in 1818. The grandfather, George Tanner, was one of the early pioneers of the county, and pursued the occupation of farming at Dix for many years. His son, Lyman, was educated in his native town, and resided there until 1851, when he removed to the town of Orange, Schuyler County, where he continued his occupation, which was that of farming, until the year of his death. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church, and held the position of School Trustee. Mr. Tanner died in 1856. His wife survived him, and is still a resident of the town. The following children were born to them, namely: Albert S., who is in Groton, N.Y.; Oliver B., the subject of this sketch; Anna J., wife of Corydon Breese, of Kansas; and Olive D.

Oliver B. Tanner received his schooling in Orange County, afterward learning the ship-building trade at Veteran. He was foreman

for Tidd & Langdon of Elmira for one year, and afterward occupied a similar position at Ulster, Pa., for six years. In 1872 he came to this town, and was engaged as foreman by Mr. Ridell, working in this capacity for a year, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with Mr. Ridell and Mr. Shetler, the firm name being Tanner, Shetler & Co., and Mr. Tanner being the practical man of the firm. After two years Mr. Ridell sold out his share of the business, which was continued under the name of Tanner & Shetler until 1890, when Mr. Tanner bought out the remaining partner. He now has two large dry doeks, having a capacity for four boats, and also does a large business in repairing and building boats. Since Mr. Shetler retired from the firm Mr. Tanner has added steam-power, and has also put in improved machinery for ship-building, giving employment to fifteen or twenty men, doing boat-building in the winter and a dry-dock business in the summer. Mr. Tanner has one of the largest dry doeks on the canal, and the only one using steam machinery between Buffalo and Troy. He also owns several boats, and has an interest in a number of others. In addition to this he owns a steam eider-mill, which does a large business during the season, and is the owner of a farm, upon which he resides. Mr. Tanner is a member of Port Byron Lodge, No. 130, of which he is Past Master, and of Morris Chapter, of which he is Secretary. He has held the office of Trustee, was President of the village for two years, Assessor of the town for three



years, and Assessor of the village six years. Mr. Tanner was married to Miss Ann J. Updyke, of Dix, August 28, 1862, three sons being born to them; namely, Hull F., Fred J., and Oliver B., Jr. All of the sons are in their father's employ, Hull F. having charge of the yard at Pittsford. The family are attendants and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Tanner having been one of the Trustees for ten years.

Mr. Tanner is one of the most public-spirited citizens of Port Byron, always having the interest of his town at heart. He has built up his present fine business solely by his own energy, and is recognized as one of the most prosperous business men in the town.

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**S**IDNEY S. GOODYEAR, a prominent citizen of Genoa, was born on October 19, 1854, at the family homestead, and is of good old English descent. His earliest ancestor in this country was Stephen Goodyear, who came from England to America in 1630, and settled at New Haven, Conn., being the first Deputy Governor of New Haven Colony. He had no children by his first wife, who came over with him; but after her death he married a widow named Lamberton, whose husband was drowned at sea, he being Captain of the crew of what was known as the "Phantom Ship." John Goodyear, son of Stephen, was born March 8, 1650, at New Haven. The next in line of descent, Andrew, born in 1702, died in 1781. The next, Timothy, was born

at New Haven, January 1, 1735. Timothy, Jr., was born in New Haven February 1, 1782, and died April 19, 1854. Sidney S., Sr., the father of the subject of this sketch, was born July 17, 1813.

The grandfather, Timothy, Jr., came to Genoa township in the early days of the settlement, and settled on the corners known as Goodyear's. He was a blacksmith by trade, and came here first alone, bringing most of his tools on his back. After a time he returned to Connecticut, and brought to the new home his wife and family, conveying his goods on sleds drawn by oxen. The deed of premises that he received on buying fifty acres of land in Genoa township is still preserved in the archives of the family. He worked at his trade of a blacksmith, also farming the land he had acquired, enlarging his house at a later period, and keeping a hotel, which he conducted successfully for several years previous to his death, which took place in 1854. He married Rebecca Dickerman, a native of Connecticut, and reared a family of seven children. Sidney S. Goodyear, Sr., their fifth child, received his education at the district schools of Genoa. He was a farmer by occupation, and managed a farm adjoining the homestead, buying the latter on the death of his father. He was made Postmaster when the office was first started in 1874, and continued in that position until his death, which occurred February 23, 1890. He married Lavinnia, the daughter of Warren and Lavinnia (Fairchild) Squires, and had six children; namely, Lam-



bert, Alice, Warren, Asa, Sidney S., Jr., and Lillie. The younger daughter, Lillie, married Charles B. Coon, of Genoa, and has two children — Asa and Wesley. The elder daughter, Alice, married George E. Young, of Ithaca, and has one child, Warren.

Sidney S. Goodyear, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the district schools, and has always lived on the old homestead, and followed the occupation of a farmer, and since the death of his father has held the position of Postmaster, a position he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the townspeople. He is also agent for every description of farm and agricultural implements, and does a large and lucrative business.

Mr. Goodyear married on April 19, 1876, Carrie, the daughter of Daniel and Polly A. (Higley) Valentine. Two daughters have been born of the union, namely: Cora, born September 25, 1878; and Lillie, born July 7, 1881. In politics Mr. Goodyear is a staunch Republican, casting his first Presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes, in 1876. Both he and his estimable wife are firm supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are members.

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**R**ANDOLPH ROBINSON is a very prosperous merchant doing business in Fair Haven, Cayuga County, where he has been located since 1872, though born in Perry, Wyoming County, July 27, 1841.

His grandfather, Peleg Robinson, was a

native of Massachusetts, but became one of the Saratoga pioneers, clearing land for the farm whereon he lived and labored until his death.

Peleg's son, Nathaniel C., the father of Mr. E. Randolph Robinson, was born in Saratoga. Like thousands of other country boys, he stayed on the paternal farm till his freedom day; but soon after that day he came to Scipio, where he obtained work as a tanner — only for a short time, however, for in 1828 he went to Perry, being there engaged in the agricultural pursuits whereto he had been bred, and which he never again forsook till death called him away from mother earth, at the advanced age of eighty-four. Nathaniel C. Robinson's wife, who was Roxa Mendel, from Rochester, Mass., bore him nine children: William Peter; Peleg Warren; Hannah M.; Caleb Mendel; Pardon Almer; Lorenzo Alton; E. Randolph, the subject of our sketch; Jonathan Mendel, bearing the maternal family name; and Eliza M., the wife of David O. Force, of Ohio. Their mother, Mrs. Roxa Robinson, died on the homestead November 21, 1893, aged ninety-two — a sheaf of wheat fully ripe.

E. Randolph Robinson studied in the local schools, and then attended the Middlebury Academy at Wyoming Village, Wyoming County, whence he returned to the homestead; but, the war breaking out just as he reached his majority, he enlisted August 20, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment of New York Volunteers, Company D. His early service was with the Eastern Army, in



the infantry; but while in Virginia he was transferred to the Cavalry, and the regiment was called the First New York Dragoons, and fought in the principal battles under the famous General Sheridan, to whose corps he was assigned. Once his horse was shot under him. In due time he rose to the position of Sergeant; and in this capacity he was mustered out at Rochester, June 30, 1865. Before the war he had taught school; and now he again took up this line of life in Michigan and Missouri. Thence he went to Chicago; but before long he felt the irresistible attraction of his childhood's home, returned thither, and presently engaged in trade in La Grange, whence he removed to his present place. For a while he was associated with T. W. Mendel, a maternal relative, but later with F. B. Phillips. In the year 1875 they built their present store, the largest country store in the county, for the sale of dry goods, groceries, drugs, and a general assortment of wares of every description. After serving as Justice of Peace, he resigned that office, in order to become one of the Town Supervisors, a position he held for eight years. He was also appointed Railroad Commissioner for the town. In 1875 he married Nellie M. Lane, of Wyoming County, daughter of Austin and Lucinda (Witter) Lane; and they have three children: Ernest Randolph, named for his father; Frank Austin, named for his maternal grandfather; and William Merle.

As a Mason, Mr. E. R. Robinson belongs to Warsaw Lodge, No. 549, the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 181, and to the Salem Town

Commandery, No. 16; and he received the ancient and accepted Scottish rites in Auburn. In 1870 he joined the Odd Fellows, in Union Lodge, No. 9, Chicago, Ill., and subsequently became a charter member of Rainbow Lodge, No. 400, in the same city, which he assisted in organizing. After his return to this State he became a charter member of Fair Haven Lodge, No. 481, to which he still belongs, having four times filled the Principal Chair and served as District Deputy Grand Master during two terms. He also belongs to the Brutus Encampment at Auburn, and is a member of Hudson Post, No. 159, of the Grand Army, at Fair Haven, having been its first Commander. In the Ancient Order of United Workmen he has held all the offices, as he has in other societies to which he belongs. In politics he is a zealous Republican, having worked hard for his party ever since he cast his first vote in 1864, while in the army, for Lincoln's second administration. He has represented his town in county conventions, and his county in State conventions. In 1884 he was a delegate to the State convention which elected delegates for the nomination of James G. Blaine. Universally loved and respected, there is in his neighborhood no more popular man than Mr. Robinson. In manner he is cordial, frank, amiable, making friends wherever he goes. It is always a pleasure to meet him; for he is approachable, and ready to forward every worthy enterprise. His companionable disposition may be inferred from the many fraternities wherewith he is affiliated.



**R**ANSOM R. CROSS, Train-master of the Auburn Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which includes the Auburn & Ithaca and Cayuga Branch, was born at Caroline, Tompkins County, N.Y., September 25, 1855, and is the son of Albert R. and Orre A. (Rich) Cross. His father was a native of Great Barrington, Mass., and was born October 9, 1825, his grandfather being also a native of Massachusetts. The family removing to Tioga County when Albert was nine years old, he there received his early education. At the time of his marriage, in 1854, to Miss Rich, he moved to Tompkins County, and was occupied in farming, afterward going to Richford, where he owned a farm, dying at that place in June, 1875. Mrs. Cross is still living.

Ransom R. Cross was educated in Richford, Tioga County. At the age of sixteen, while still at school, he learned telegraphy, and began work at Richford, April 1, 1871, as railroad and Western Union telegraph operator. Before he came to Auburn in 1874 he was at different points on the road. He came here in the capacity of telegraph operator, and soon after became train despatcher, which position he held under the old Southern Central Company, and under all the different changes in the road until January 1, 1893, when he was appointed Train-master, although he had been Acting Train-master for some time previously, during the absence of the regular official. His position gives him charge of all the engine men and train men on his one hundred and sixty miles of the

railroad. Mr. Cross has risen to his present position in the service of the railroad company by a strict attention to every little detail of business, his general urbanity of manner making him a favorite with all travellers on the road.

While voting with the Republican party, Mr. Cross is not an active politician. He is a member of the Train Despatchers' Association of America, of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master, and at the present time one of the Trustees, and also of the Scottish Rite Order, of which he is Senior Grand Warden. He is also a Past Regent of the Auburn Council, No. 407, of Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Cross was married October 29, 1884, to Miss Mary E. Munn, of Auburn, daughter of Matthew Munn, by whom he has one child, William R. Cross. A portrait of this well-known gentleman and popular official may be seen on the opposite page.

**C**ORNELIUS VAN LIEW, who is retired from the active cares of business, is one of the influential citizens of the village of Meridian, where he was successfully engaged in trade for upward of thirty years, being the leading grocer of the place, and having an extensive patronage. By untiring industry and sagacious business transactions he has made a handsome living, and acquired a sufficient property to enable him to pass his remaining years in comfort and ease. He is well known throughout the



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vicinity, and is held in respect as a man of integrity, faithful and trustworthy in every relation of life. The first recollections of Mr. Van Liew are of a modest home in Middlesex County, New Jersey, where his birth occurred January 23, 1820, being a son of Frederick C. and Agnes (Pumyea) Van Liew, and a grandson of an elder Cornelius Van Liew, who was an early settler of New Jersey.

Frederick C. Van Liew was reared to agricultural pursuits, and engaged in farming the larger part of his life, first in the place of his nativity, which was Somerset County, New Jersey, where he was born February 21, 1794. A few years after his marriage he removed to Onondaga County, New York, which was rich in promises of a bright future for the enterprising farmer, settling in the town of Lysander in 1832. He bought a tract of land which was covered with a heavy growth of timber, and with indomitable energy he began the work of clearing it off. It required patience and hard work; but he succeeded in his efforts, and improved a good homestead, where he and his worthy wife passed their remaining days, he dying August 22, 1867, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, who was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey, June 25, 1799, departed from the scenes of this life August 25, 1857. She was a most estimable woman, and a devout member of the Dutch Reformed church; while in political matters he was a member of the Whig party. They reared a family of six children, of whom three are now living,

namely: Cornelius; John P., a retired farmer, residing in the village of Lysander; and Agnes, the wife of William H. Hull, a farmer, living in Cato. The deceased are as follows: Maria E., who was born August 12, 1824; Jane, born in August, 1828, and married Abram Baird, of Lysander; Ida Adeline, who was born August 23, 1835, and became the wife of Lyman E. Morley, of Meridian.

Cornelius Van Liew, who was the eldest child of Frederick and Agnes P. Van Liew, was about twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Onondaga County; and his education, which was begun in the public schools of New Jersey, was completed in the district schools of Lysander. He remained at home, where his assistance was required in the pioneer labor of improving a farm, until the time of his marriage, in 1853, when he was thirty-three years old. After that important event Mr. Van Liew, who was enterprising and energetic, located his home in Plainville, Onondaga County, where he engaged in a commission business on a small scale. Having equipped himself with a good team and a suitable wagon, he bought butter, eggs, and other produce of the country farmers, which he shipped to the neighboring cities, and in the course of time built up an extensive trade. Having acquired some property, in 1858 he formed a partnership with Lyman Norton; and for three years they operated a store for general merchandise in Plainville. Mr. Van Liew then disposed of his interest in that place, and came to the village of Meridian, where he opened a grocery store



in April, 1862, and here carried on a thriving trade until 1892, when he gave up active business. He is now living in retirement, surrounded by all the comforts of life, and enjoying to the utmost the reward of his many years of toil.

The maiden name of Mrs. Van Liew, who was born in Rensselaer County, December 24, 1824, was Nancy Verity. Her father, James G. Verity, was a native of Long Island, and there grew to manhood. He subsequently removed to the town of Lysander, where he continued engaged in farming until his death, May 8, 1840, he being then fifty-seven years old, his birth having occurred in January, 1786. Mr. Verity married Eunice Banker, who was born in Rensselaer County in June, 1788, and died in Lysander in 1834. To her and her husband were born nine children, four of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. Ruth Davis, of Iowa; Mrs. Van Liew; James Henry, a resident of St. Paul, Minn.; and Day D., who lives in Rising City, Neb.

Of the union of Cornelius Van Liew and his wife one child only was born, Frederick J., whose birth was on April 28, 1859, and who died June 12, 1890, at the age of thirty-one years. He left a widow and one child, and they are living with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Van Liew have a very pleasant home, their residence being one of the most attractive in the village, and are generous and hospitable people, greatly esteemed throughout the neighborhood. They are earnest and sincere members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a sound Democrat. Socially,

he is a member of the Cato Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M.

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LEWIS PADDOCK, of Auburn, was for a quarter-century among the leading promoters of the city's prosperity and he has been a resident here even longer, dating from 1844, half a century ago. Indeed, his connection with Auburn extends back two years further, when he was a student in the old Auburn Academy; and he was born not far away, among the Mentz hills, on the last day of January, 1825. The Paddock family was English; and the first members of it who came to this country landed on Cape Cod, about the middle of the seventeenth century, not more than twenty years after the Puritan settlement of Boston, and not more than thirty after the Pilgrim settlement of Plymouth. In course of time some of the Paddocks drifted farther westward, and at last up the Hudson River. The grandfather of Lewis, James Paddock, bought a farm in Mentz, about the year 1810, when his son Charles was a stalwart youth of eighteen. The old man lived there till his death, and was connected with the Presbyterian church at Port Byron.

Charles Paddock, son of James, was born in the town of Windham among the Catskill Mountains, Greene County, about the year 1792, just as Washington was beginning his second Presidential term. Soon after their removal to Mentz the War of 1812 broke out, and young Paddock was in it. Later he assisted his father in clearing land for cultiva-



tion. In due time he married Jane Beach, and they took a farm of their own along Crane Brook. This land had also to be cleared; and, having done this work thoroughly, there they remained the rest of their lives. The wife was born amid the foothills of the mountains in New Jersey, and her father was Benjamin Beach. Her mother, Mrs. Beach, was a daughter of Adam Miller. Charles and Jane (Beach) Paddock reared eight children. Orrin Augustus Paddock still lives on a farm adjoining the homestead. Elmira Paddock died at the early age of twelve. Lewis Paddock was the third child. Isaac Paddock became one of the Forty-niners in California, where he died. Catherine Paddock, now deceased, married James Owen, who was a member of the State legislature from Port Byron, and was for over thirty years on a San José paper, which his son still edits. Lucy Paddock married Robert Takel, and lives on a farm adjoining her childhood's home. Elmira Paddock, named for the deceased eldest sister, married Augustus Houghtaling, of Mentz. Charles Beach Paddock lives on the old family farm. Their father, Charles Paddock, died in 1853, aged sixty-one; but the mother outlived him a quarter-century, dying in 1878, at fourscore, in the communion of the Methodist church.

Lewis Paddock was born on the homestead, and went to the district school till he was fifteen. In the year 1840, amid the excitement of the campaign for "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," he went to the Auburn Academy, and continued there some time under Professor

Hopkins, meanwhile teaching at McMaster's Corners in 1841. In 1844 he came back to Auburn, and taught the Grove Street School. The next year he took the Fulton Street School, then in a one-story building known as the "Bell School-house," one of the three school-houses in the city, its name derived from the fact that it was the only one in the region that had a bell. This position he maintained till 1850. Then a new building was erected, in which he taught till 1863. The new building lasted only sixteen years; but at the time of its erection Mr. Paddock was greatly interested in the undertaking, though he did not continue in the master's chair, but was elected School Commissioner, an office which he held when the old academy was merged into the new high school. Up to 1850 the teachers had to make out their own rate bills, and collect the school taxes. Mr. Paddock was an advanced educator, and he lived to see the school system far exceed his utmost expectations.

From 1863 onward he was largely interested in real estate, particularly in the development, first of Grant Avenue, and afterward of the Five Corners. In 1865 he began operations on East Genesee Street, near Seward Avenue, and erected the first building on Gaylord Street, a thoroughfare which he named after one of Auburn's most respected citizens, the late John B. Gaylord. Thence an extension was opened through Maple Street. He gave half the land for Seward Avenue, and put up houses at the west side, on Seward Avenue, Gaylord Street, Howard



Street, and on Sherman, Sheridan, Evans, Maple, Walnut, Chestnut, and Bradford Streets, between one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty houses in all. Mr. Paddock did not work spasmodically, but systematically, so that nearly every house in this section, except three or four on Sherman Street, arose from his enterprise. Not only did he build houses on the west side, but on the east side also. In the five years from 1865 to 1870 he put up as many as a hundred and fifty houses, and with good financial profit. On Bradford and Walnut Streets he built dwelling-houses, which he sold on time, in order to encourage an influx of buyers in that neighborhood. The Beach farm being in the market, he bought fifty acres of it on Franklin Street; and in the course of three years he erected a hundred larger and better houses. As this was about the time of a financial panic, which spread through the country when the high prices which had accompanied the war began to shrink, it is not surprising that this undertaking did not prove as financially profitable as its predecessors. As an inevitable result of his efforts in connection with the highways of the city, he became connected with the first horse-railway, built on East Genesee Street in 1871, and on Franklin Street the next year, though unfortunately the rails of the latter had subsequently to be taken up and the stock became valueless. Of the Southern Central Railway Mr. Paddock was the first President; and, though it was of no direct personal gain to himself, he circulated the papers binding the

city to aid the project. But their labors were in vain, their expectation of cheap coal not being realized, as to-day coal can be bought at Weedsport one dollar and twenty-five cents cheaper than in Auburn. Since 1873 Mr. Paddock has been much in retirement, so far as business projects are concerned. In the line of municipal service he was an Alderman in 1853, representing the First Ward, which is now divided into the First, Sixth, and Tenth Wards. In 1871 and 1872 he was again sent from the First and Tenth Wards to the aldermanic board, when Mr. Kirkpatrick was Mayor. In 1878 he was appointed Street Superintendent, and served twelve years in that capacity. By bringing back into use a street-roller which had been rejected as worthless, he so changed the current of public opinion that the machine has since been used for seventy-three miles of highway; and this he was able to do by his thorough acquaintance with the streets in his subdivision of the city. Since 1890 he has been devoting himself chiefly to the care of his garden, poultry, and vines, such employment having been his favorite recreation for at least fifty years. As long as it existed, he kept his membership in Osco Lodge of Odd Fellows; and he also belonged to the Sons of Temperance. His father died a Mason; and he himself has been forty years a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M.

On November 3, 1847, while yet engaged in teaching, Lewis Paddock married Florina White, of Sennett, a native of Southern New Hampshire; and they have three children.



Emma, born in 1851, is the wife of William H. Telford, and has one child, Mabel, born in 1878. Sumner Paddock, born in 1855, was four years City Clerk. He died, greatly lamented, in 1881, aged twenty-six. Anna P. Paddock, the youngest child, born in 1863, was a Cornell graduate in the class of 1884, receiving the degree of A.B. She married Charles B. Wing, formerly a tutor in the engineering department of that university, and also in Madison University, Wisconsin, and now a professor in the Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal.; and they have two children — Sumner and Winchester. Mrs. Florina White Paddock died on December 28, 1873, just as the year was waning to its close.

Well has Horace Mann said, "School-houses are the republican line of fortifications." And to this might Mr. Paddock add the lines of the poet Longfellow, "Ah! to build, to build — that is the noblest art of all the arts."

**A**UGUSTUS D. BAKER, a prominent and successful agriculturist and stock-raiser of Cayuga County, is the owner of a large, well-appointed, and well-managed farm in the town of Aurelius, his native place, where he is numbered among the active business men who contribute largely toward the development of its industrial interests.

Mr. Baker is of New England ancestry, his great-grandfather, John Baker, having been a life-long resident of the Old Bay State. His grandfather, also named John Baker, was born

in Massachusetts; and, having there grown to manhood, he emigrated to Saratoga County, and sojourned a few years. In 1808 he again started westward, accompanied by his family. They made the journey overland with teams, driving their stock, and bringing all of their worldly possessions to Cayuga County, which was then very thinly populated. Here, in what is now the town of Fleming, he bought a tract of heavily timbered land, and began the establishment of a home, his first step in that direction being the erection of a log cabin, which they occupied for a time. He afterward built a frame house; but, that being destroyed by fire in 1815, he built another, and remained there many years, engaged in general farming. The last few years of his life were passed in Enfield, Tompkins County, where his death occurred July 23, 1830. He was a most worthy and patriotic citizen, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, having the bitter experience of wintering at Valley Forge. He was twice married.

Allen Baker, son of John, Jr., and his first wife, whose maiden name was Brewer, was born on May 3, 1791, on a farm three miles from Saratoga Springs. He had very limited opportunities for obtaining an education; but he was reared to habits of industry and economy, and, being endowed by nature with a keen, practical business ability, he became a most prosperous citizen. Choosing farming for his occupation, he bought forty acres of land in the town of Fleming, and began his life-work. The land was covered with heavy



timber, the only improvement on it being a log house, into which he moved. The settlements in this part of the country were then few and far between, the nearest market, Albany, being one hundred and fifty miles away. Farming was not then the easy and pleasant pastime that it is, comparatively speaking, in these days of modern machinery, propelled by horse and steam power, all of the marketing, as well as the ploughing and hauling, of the farm being then accomplished with oxen. Mr. Baker cleared quite a tract of land from the wilderness, and otherwise improved it, living there four years, when he sold that, and bought another farm in the same town. Going thence to Genoa, he resided there until the spring of 1833, when he came to Aurelius, and purchased a farm of eighty-one acres about four miles from Auburn. With characteristic energy and hopefulness he began its improvement, and by diligenece, thrift, and good management overcame the difficulties that beset the early settlers, and in the course of time added to his original purchase many acres of choice land, his homestead, at the time of his death, October 2, 1874, consisting of two hundred and twelve acres of valuable land, and being pretty well stocked.

On September 5, 1816, Allen Baker was united in marriage to Eunice Tupper, a native of Vermont, born in 1794. Her father, Benjamin Tupper, was born in the Green Mountain State in 1749, and died in 1825. Her mother, who bore the same name of Eunice, was also a native of Vermont, where she was born in 1754; and she died April 26,

1838. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Baker were born nine children—Louis A., Cyrus A., David, Louisa A., Calvin T., John H., Asa H., Andrew J., and Augustus D.

The subject of this personal history was the youngest of the children born in the parental household, his birth being on November 4, 1840. He received a substantial common-school education in his native town, and on the home farm obtained a practical insight into the mysteries of farming. When twenty-one years of age, he, with his brother Asa, assumed the management of the old homestead, working it together for four years, when they divided the farm. Augustus subsequently bought his brother's farm, and is now the owner of the entire two hundred and twelve acres, all of which he has under fine cultivation, well equipped with substantial buildings and all the modern appliances for doing the necessary farm labor. For a considerable time he confined his attention principally to the raising of wheat and other small grain; but in more recent years he has carried on an extensive dairy business and made a specialty of raising fine stock, having now a large herd of valuable Jerseys, all of which are registered or subject to registration. Mr. Baker is a man of superior business qualifications, earnest and thorough in his work, wise in his judgments, well meriting the esteem and respect accorded him by all.

In 1870 took place his marriage with Charlotte E. Durfee. Mrs. Baker's parents were Jonathan Durfee, a native of Fall River, Mass., and Mary (Boucher) Durfee, who was



born in New Bedford, Mass. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus D. Baker, two children have been born—a son, Leroy A., and a daughter, Bertha L. Baker. Politically, Mr. Baker is an adherent of the Democratic party, and is now serving his second term as a Justice of the Peace. Socially, he is a valued member of the Farmers' Club, having been Treasurer of the same for one year, and Secretary for ten years.

**REV. ALANSON TILDEN, M.A.,** pastor of the Baptist church of Port Byron since January 1, 1891, was born in the town of Verona, Oneida County, N.Y., July 29, 1828, son of Ithiel and Susan (Bostwick) Tilden, the former of whom came to Verona with his father, John Tilden, in 1800. The family originally came from Vermont. Ithiel Tilden was born March 5, 1795, and, although but a boy at the time, served in the War of 1812. He afterward engaged in farming. His wife, Susan Bostwick, to whom he was married in 1822, was a daughter of Milo Bostwick, a Revolutionary minuteman. Mr. Tilden continued to reside on his farm in Verona until his death in January, 1844. His wife lived to the good old age of ninety-two, dying September 13, 1893, and leaving one child, the subject of this sketch.

Alanson Tilden received his early education in Verona, and afterward taught school for a time. Becoming interested in religious matters quite early in life, he devoted himself to

the ministerial calling, and attended Hamilton College at Clinton, afterward spending two years in the Madison University at Hamilton. From this institution he was graduated B.A. in 1853, and three years later on, concluding his studies, took the degree of M.A. He was settled August, 1853, to his first charge at Troupsburg, Steuben County; and July 19, 1854, he was ordained, remaining with that church until 1858. He next went to the church at East Cameron in the same county, and later became chaplain in the Fifty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry in the Army of the Potomac, attached to the Second Division of the Second Corps of the First Brigade, remaining with that regiment until the close of the war. After the war, from 1865 to 1869, he had a charge at Howard, Steuben County. Leaving Howard in 1869, he went to Flushing, Genesee County, Mich., and remained there until April, 1873, when he again settled in Steuben County, New York, this time at Cooper's Plains, where he stayed until November, 1878, when he went to East Smithfield, Pa. In June, 1883, he went to Covington, Pa.; April, 1885, to Tioga Centre, N.Y.; March, 1888, to Enfield, Tompkins County; and January 1, 1891, to Port Byron, this latter being Mr. Tilden's tenth pastorate. Up to August, 1893, he had preached five thousand six hundred and twenty-five sermons, officiated at four hundred and fifteen funerals, and baptized five hundred persons. He had besides performed the marriage ceremony two hundred times, and made twenty-one public addresses. Such a record



indicates a large field of labor and an active and successful pastorate. When a younger man, Mr. Tilden was prominently connected with local missionary work in Cameron and Rathbon. He became a Mason at Addison, N.Y., and is now a member of Port Byron Lodge, No. 130. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, and now belongs to Morris Chapter at Port Byron. He joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at East Smithfield, Bradford County, Pa., and is a member of Rock Spring Lodge of Port Byron.

Mr. Tilden was married February 20, 1854, to Miss Nancy Reynolds, daughter of Lent Reynolds, of Throopsburg. They have two children living — Arthur and Angelette. Arthur is now in business in Waverly, N.Y. He married Miss Flora Miller; and they have four children — namely, Anna May, William, Ida, and Angelette. Angelette Tilden, daughter of Mr. Tilden of this notice, became the wife of William J. Coulston, formerly pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Evansville, Ind., but now of Philadelphia, Pa. She and her husband are the parents of three children — Olive E., Leslie T., and Marie C.

Mr. Tilden has led a busy and useful life, and his work has been blessed to the advancement of God's kingdom. During his pastorate in Port Byron, he has not only endeared himself to his congregation, but to others outside of the Baptist denomination. He is a man of enlightened views, readily making friends wherever he goes.

MARCUS T. C. BROWN, a man who has ever been useful in his community, and an able assistant in promoting its agricultural interests, has nearly all of his life been a tiller of the soil, and still finds therein his greatest pleasure. Soon after his marriage he purchased the farm where he now resides, and which is finely located in Sempronius; and here, with the counsel and assistance of his young wife, he set to work in earnest to build up a home. He has never been satisfied with less than highest possible results in his agricultural labors; and, after bringing the soil under good cultivation and erecting substantial and convenient farm buildings, he has now turned his attention to stock-growing and dairying, and carries on a most lucrative business. Among the many successful agriculturists who are quietly pursuing the even tenor of their way in the towns wherein they were born, and of whom Cayuga County may well be proud, Mr. Brown occupies a leading position. He is a native of the town of Sempronius, born August 14, 1832, being a grandson of Daniel Brown, Sr., and a son of Daniel, Jr., and Mary Ann (Huff) Brown. His father was born in Columbia County, October 30, 1804, and his mother in North Hempstead, Queens County, September 23, 1807.

Daniel Brown, Sr., was a native of Columbia County, where he spent the earlier years of his life. Coming to Cayuga County in the year 1800, he purchased a tract of land from the government, and, settling on it with his family, became one of the brave and



sturdy pioneers of the town of Sempronius. He performed the journey through the trackless woods by means of blazed trees, bringing his family and household goods in an ox wagon. He erected a log house in the wilderness, when deer, wolves, bears, and the other beasts of the forests were plentiful, often terrorizing the few inhabitants of the locality. Auburn was then the principal market. It was known as Hardenburg's Corners, and its only habitations were a few log houses. The nearest mill was thirty miles distant; and the grist was carried on horseback, requiring a two days' trip — sometimes, when the roads were in a very bad condition, consuming even a longer period. He cleared a farm, and lived to see that and the land around him settled up and well improved. He and his good wife lived on their farm until about seven years prior to his death, when, feeling the infirmities of age, they removed to the home of their son Daniel, where they spent the golden sunset of their lives, he passing away at the good old age of eighty-eight years, while she lived to the age of ninety-one years. They were respected for their moral worth, and were conscientious members of the Baptist church. Of the eleven children of their marriage, seven grew to maturity; and one, John C. Brown, of Moravia, is yet living.

Daniel Brown, Jr., spent the major portion of his life in the town of Sempronius, and was for many years an important factor of its industrial interests. He learned the trade of a tanner when quite young, and followed that

vocation for many years, his tannery being located on the site of the present post-office of Sempronius. In connection with this business he was also extensively engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. His last years were spent in agricultural pursuits, having removed to the farm which he purchased in August, 1824. He departed this life March 9, 1889, having made a good record as an industrious, intelligent citizen and a business man of ability, and having contributed his full share toward the development of his town and county. His widow is still living, and resides in the village of Moravia. She is a member of the Baptist church, to which he also belonged. In politics he was a Republican. He served many years as Commissioner of Highways, was Collector and Town Clerk, and was active in church work. To him and his wife three children were born, of whom Marcus is the only one now living. David L. died when thirty years old; and Mary Jane, who married Julius Fitts, passed away at the age of fifty-three years.

Marcus T. C. Brown was educated in the public schools of Sempronius, and on the home farm acquired valuable experience in the art of agriculture. On attaining his majority he started in life for himself, beginning as a farm laborer at ten dollars a month. After a short time he returned to the parental homestead, where he remained until 1854, when he turned his face westward, thinking that in some of the newer States he might find more favorable localities for pursuing his chosen calling. After a brief stay in Michi-



gan and Illinois, he returned to Sempronius, satisfied that no better region for general farming was to be found in the United States. He accordingly purchased fifty acres of land, which are now included in his homestead, and has since added to the improvements already begun, and, having bought adjacent land, has now a fine farm of seventy-five acres, all under good tillage, and well supplied with comfortable and convenient farm buildings.

Mr. Brown has been twice married. On March 19, 1856, he wedded Louise Russell, who, after a few brief years of harmonious wedded life, in 1863 passed to the bourne whence no traveller returneth. She left one child, Carrie, who married Charles Springer, of Moravia. The maiden name of his second wife, to whom he was united May 10, 1865, was Lois Westfall. She is a native of this county, born on March 24, 1843, in the town of Niles, being a daughter of Abraham and Susan (Houghton) Westfall. Mr. Westfall was born in New Jersey on November 27, 1800. He was a successful farmer, and one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Niles, where his death occurred on the 14th of September, 1852. He had two wives, his first one having been Mary Vanettan, a native of Pennsylvania, born May 6, 1806; she died on the homestead in Niles, July 13, 1837. His second wife, Susan Richmond, the mother of Mrs. Brown, was born February 18, 1807, in New York, and lived nearly four score years, dying September 30, 1887. Mr. Abraham Westfall was energetic and ca-

pable, and was long known as one of the influential men of his town, where he served his fellow-townsmen in many of the more important local offices. In politics he was an uncompromising Republican, and in religious matters was a sincere Universalist. He reared a family of twelve children, six by each marriage, the following being their record: Sarah, born June 15, 1826, died July 23, 1847. John, born September 6, 1827, died in September, 1877. Elsie, born January 21, 1831, resides in Moravia. William, born August 28, 1829, died July 1, 1830. The second William, born September 1, 1833, is a resident of Moravia. Catherine, born February 12, 1836, lives in Moravia. Hannah, born November 13, 1839, died January 12, 1855. Mary, born June 14, 1841, lives in Moravia. Lois, born May 24, 1843, is the wife of Mr. Brown. Sidney J., born September 18, 1844, is a resident of Auburn. Abraham, born October 15, 1846, resides in the town of Sempronius. Barsilla R., born December 24, 1849, lives in Iowa.

Of the second marriage of Mr. Daniel Brown one child has been born, Daniel W. Brown, who is now successfully engaged in teaching school. In social circles Mr. and Mrs. Brown are held in high regard, being true-hearted, Christian people, liberal in their religious views, sincere and unaffected. In politics Mr. Brown sustains the principles of the Republican party, and has served most acceptably in the various offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens, having been Assessor and Town Clerk for several years.



**F**RANK GARITY is an energetic and high-minded business man in the village of Spring Lake, in the town of Conquest. He first saw the light in Ireland, County Sligo, August 9, 1844, the son of John Garity, a farmer born and bred in that vicinity, who determined to come to America, but unfortunately was taken ill and died on the voyage, aged about thirty-five. John's wife, Jane Gilhooly, was also of Sligo, a daughter of Lawrence Gilhooly, who emigrated in the same ship with Jane and her little family; and later still six more of Mr. Gilhooly's sons and daughters followed, leaving only one in the Emerald Isle.

John Garity's father, the grandfather of Frank, came over with his son's family, stayed a few years in Cayuga County, and then went back again to Sligo; but finally he was persuaded to cross the big pond once more, and died at the home of his daughter, in Victory. John and Jane Garity reared three children: Delia, who married Edward Vining, of Lake City, Minn.; Ellen; and Frank, the subject of this sketch. Their mother died at the age of seventy-seven, in the home of her only son, faithful to the Catholic religion in which the Garitys and Gilhoolys were born.

At the time of the father's death and the family exodus Frank was only five years old; but such was the mother's appreciation of the value of education that on their arrival here he was at once put into the public school in Conquest, where he continued study till he was seventeen or eighteen. Shortly after the

breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted for three years as a private in the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, which made part of the Sixth Army Corps, under General Wright. Soon he became Sergeant, and saw hard service in thirty engagements, fighting till the close of the war. His honorable record includes the battles of Cedar Creek, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Fisher's Hill, and three fights at the siege of Petersburg, Paynesville, Sailor's Run. He was thrice wounded by minic balls, twice at Cold Harbor and once at Cedar Creek. From Cold Harbor he was taken at once to the rear, and was sent as soon as possible to the Alexandria hospital, whence he was removed to Philadelphia. But he was soon able to be out again, and "get more fun," as he expresses it; for he has a wonderful war career, and is true to his blood as a capital fighter. Discharged in Washington, July 6, 1865, he came back to Conquest, and entered the business of pump-making, in which he continued ten years in the village of Spring Lake. In 1875 he took up the trade of tinsmith, giving special attention to roofing; and this is still his successful pursuit. Meanwhile he was married, May 25, 1870, at the age of twenty-six to Louise Blass, one of the three children of Michael and Clarinda Blass, a farming family from Litchfield County, Conn. Mrs. Garity's two sisters, one older and one younger than herself, are Elizabeth and Ella.

Of course Mr. Garity is a Grand Army man, belonging to Lockwood Post, No. 175, at Port Byron; and he is also a member of



Masonic Lodge, No. 130, in the same village. He belongs to the Democratic party, and has been Election Inspector and Exeise Commissioner, and is now a Notary Public. His first vote was cast in 1864. In religion he has conscientiously wandered from the ancestral paths, and, like his wife, belongs to the Methodist church, having for many years held the office of Steward. It need hardly be added that a man of such evident bravery, independence, and industry is much respected in the community.

T. CLAIR SMITH CHAPPELL, a prominent United States mail-contractor, residing in Auburn, N.Y., was born in another part of Cayuga County, in the town of Mentz, on the last day of September, 1840, a son of Elijah and Betsey (Newcomb) Chappell. Fuller particulars of the family genealogy may be found in the sketch devoted to A. W. Chappell. The father was born in Otsego County; but, when a young man, he came to Cayuga County in a wagon, and took charge of a farm in Mentz. He was a stanch Democrat, and a member of the Baptist church in that part of Mentz called Montezuma, where he passed the largest part of his life. For twenty or thirty years the eldest son of his father's family, Thaddeus Chappell, taught school a portion of the year, when the farm could best spare him. He died in January, 1891, at the age of seventy-two.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest of Elijah Chappell's eleven children, the eld-

est of whom died in infancy. A daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Chappell, died, unmarried, on February 18, 1889. One son, Solomon Newcomb Chappell, has spent his life in Auburn. The fourth and fifth children died very young. Summer Chappell was a Mentz farmer, and then moved to Michigan, where he still lives at Edwardsburg. The next son bore the name of Maxamilla. A deceased daughter was the wife of Henry Baker, of Dutchess County. Jordan Romans Chappell was a graduate of Hamilton College, served some time as School Commissioner, and then moved to Windsor, Henry County, Mo., where he still resides. Russell Chappell died at the early age of eleven, in the town of Mentz. In 1856 the parents of these children removed to Edwardsburg, Cass County, Mich., where Mr. Elijah Chappell died, in 1858, the mother living ten years longer.

In his boyhood St. Clair attended the district school in Mentz; but after the removal to Michigan, when he was sixteen, he studied at the academy in Elkhart, Ind., and then taught school for a season. In 1858 he came back to New York, and for seven or eight years worked in Auburn for his brother Solomon, who was an inn-keeper. A little later, and not long after his marriage, he removed to Windsor, Henry County, Mo., where his brother Jordan already lived. The two owned together eight hundred acres of land, St. Clair giving his attention chiefly to stock, buying and selling cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, mules, hundreds and thousands of which he shipped eastward. In 1877 he was a success-



ful bidder for mail-carrying, obtaining eighty-six overland routes, covering a thousand miles in the State of Texas, the enterprise being carried on under the firm name of Chappell, Beedy & Co. At this time Fort Worth was the western terminus of railway travel. The mails had to be transported by stage; and the mail route was over prairie and mountain roads, fourteen hundred and sixty miles, to Fort Yuma, Ariz. This venture led to others, so that eventually the firm filled mail contracts in every State in the Union and in every Territory except two. Chappell & Beedy dissolved their partnership after eight years, in 1886; but the junior partner continued the business as Chappell & Co., the new member of the firm being W. H. Smith, of Clinton, Mo.; and this partnership still exists. They have held over thirteen hundred mail contracts at one time, eighty of which were in New York, and many in New England. Indeed, Chappell & Co. controlled more mail routes than any other firm in the country; and Windsor, Mo., was decidedly ahead in this line. There Mr. Chappell remained till 1888, when he came to Auburn. From this point he superintends the eastern branch of his mail business; but he also owns a fine farm in Missouri, and is interested in horses, running a stable of twenty-eight fine animals, both Almonts and Knoxes. He has sold to Washington buyers teams worth from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars. While shipping both coach horses and trotters all over the country, Mr. Chappell does not himself undertake their development, though

two or three carloads a year pass through his hands.

On August 1, 1866, he married Sarah L. Phelps, daughter of Lyman Phelps, of Homer, Cortland County, N.Y. The marriage took place in Edwardsburg, Mich., though they only lived there a short time before removing to Missouri. The Chappell family are adherents of the Baptist church. Mrs. Chappell was educated in Homer Academy, and afterward taught school in her native county. No children have blessed this union; but the wife is amply qualified to grace their beautiful home in the old stone house, surrounded by twenty acres of land, within the city limits, which they bought in 1888, and which is known as the George Rathbone place, having belonged to that gentleman, one of the finest lawyers in the county, who died some twenty years ago. Mr. Chappell has no predilection for office-seeking, but is a decided Democrat in his political faith. Shakspeare has said, "The flighty purpose never is o'ertook, unless the deed go with it." This Mr. Chappell fully realizes, and upon this sentiment he has acted. He affords also an excellent illustration of the assertion of a deceased political leader, "A man, if he be active and energetic, can hardly fail, also, be he never so selfish, of benefiting the general public interest."

JOHN KNOX, whose handsome property lies in District No. 2 in the town of Scipio, is a man of good business capacity, great intelligence, and enterprise, one



who is prominent among the active and progressive agriculturists of Cayuga County. Although native born, having first drawn the breath of life in Scipio on the sixth of June, 1832, he is of foreign ancestry, his father, Robert Knox, having been born on old Ireland's verdant soil.

Through his father's family Mr. Knox traces his ancestral history back several generations. His grandfather, John Knox, who was a life-long resident of Ireland, was a son of John and Jane (Robinson) Knox, a grandson of Robert and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Knox, and great-grandson of John and Jane (Porter) Knox, the latter having been the daughter of Lord Loups, of Scotland.

The Knox family were represented in the War of the Revolution by one Robert Knox, of Maryland, who gave two thousand pounds to support Congress, and raised a regiment in that State, which he himself commanded, his sympathy being with the Colonists, to whom he gave every possible assistance.

Robert Knox, the father of the subject of this sketch, came to this country when very young, settling in Maryland in 1785. In 1802, accompanied by his wife, he came on horseback to Cayuga County, and after his arrival here bought one hundred acres of land for eight hundred dollars; but, not having the money wherewith to pay, he went into debt for it. The land was in the north-east end of the town of Scipio, beautifully situated on the shore of Owasco Lake. A log house stood on the farm, and that was his first dwelling in the county. While living in Maryland, he

was Captain of a company in the State militia, and was thereafter known as Captain Knox. His first wife, whom he married in Maryland, died on the homestead in Scipio; and he subsequently married Elizabeth Chamberlain, the daughter of Ninean Chamberlain, of Adams County, Pa., who became the mother of John. Captain Knox died January 1, 1834, at the age of sixty-five years; but his wife Elizabeth survived until December 16, 1875.

John Knox obtained a good common-school education in the place of his nativity, and from his good mother received lessons in truth, honesty, and justice that have been of inestimable value to him through life. He was less than two years of age when his father died; and he and his mother remained on the homestead, of which, as soon as old enough, he assumed the management. He has spent his entire life on the farm where he was born. It contains one hundred and eighty acres of choice land, well improved, amply supplied with the best machinery for carrying on his work after the most approved modern methods; and his fine residence is commodious and convenient, the place being one of the most attractive in the vicinity and reflecting credit on his good judgment and ability.

Mr. Knox was married in 1856 to Miss Elizabeth Bulkley, the daughter of John and Alvira (Fleming) Bulkley, of New York. Mr. Knox is an influential member of the Republican party of his county, and takes a great interest in public affairs. He has done excellent service for his native town, having



been Justice of the Peace for twelve years; and in the office of Supervisor he served seven consecutive years, from 1860 till 1867, and was again elected to the same office in 1891 and in 1892. Mr. Knox has also ably discharged the duties of Postmaster, a position which he still holds, for almost thirty years; and, in addition to these duties, he has been station agent for sixteen years at Wyckoff, on the Southern Central Railway. Socially, he is a Mason, belonging to Cayuga Lodge, No. 221, A. F. & A. M. In his business dealings he is characterized by fairness and strict honesty; and he and his amiable wife have won for themselves an enviable place in the regards of the community.

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**R**S. ROBINSON, of Union Springs, was born here in September, 1860, son of Robert B. and Martha L. (Smith) Robinson. His grandfather, Dr. Daniel Robinson, who was of English descent, came from New England, and settled in Ontario County, New York, in the old pioneer days. He gained great popularity as a physician, being one of the first men of this profession in that section of the country. He was sent as a representative to the State legislature, which was then in its infancy. Dr. Robinson was a prominent member of the Society of Friends; and throughout his whole life he was highly respected as one of the foremost men of the times. Unwearied and skilful in his profession, and possessing good business ability, he accumulated what was then

considered a comfortable property; and in the evening of his life he retired from active business, and came to Union Springs, where he resided with his children until his death. His son, Robert B. Robinson, was born at Farmington, Ontario County, in 1824, and in 1851 married Miss Martha L. Smith, who was born at Farmington in 1829, daughter of Jacob Smith, a pioneer from New England. Robert and Martha were both educated at the old Canandaigua Seminary. Jacob Smith is said to have been a descendant of the royal blood of England. With his father he came to New York in the old days when the farmers were obliged to carry their corn to the mill at Utica in wagons. He was the owner of one thousand acres of fine farm land in that section of the country, and was a highly educated man for those days, when the knowledge of the three "R's" was considered sufficient for the advancement and welfare of the people. He, too, was a Quaker, and died in that faith, beloved and respected by all.

After marriage Robert B. Robinson operated a large farm at Farmington, but in 1857 came to Union Springs, where he took charge of the estate of Robert B. Howland, which included one thousand acres of farm land. After three years Mr. Howland accepted Mr. Robinson as a partner; and the firm of Howland, Robinson & Co. operated the old stone mill which had been built long years before, and for which there was abundant water power, furnished by a large pond fed by springs. This mill contained stones for producing flour, feed, and plaster; and there was also a



saw-mill in connection with it. In 1870 steam power was added. It was at that time the largest mill in the country; and is now a fine solid stone structure, a well-known landmark. In 1875 Mr. Robinson disposed of his share of the business, and retired from active labor. He was a staunch Republican, and spent a great deal of money for the good cause during the Civil War. Mr. Robinson was an active Mason, a member of the Knights Templars and Salem Town Commandery, and was an officer in the militia, while he still remained a Quaker. He died in October, 1888, the father of six children, three of whom still live, namely: Robert H., of Chicago; H. S., the subject of this sketch; and Isabella B. His widow lives with her son in Union Springs.

H. S. Robinson was educated in the public schools of Union Springs, and afterward attended the Friends' Academy. Mr. Robinson has been Trustee of the village, Town Clerk of Springport for three years, and Justice of the Peace, which position he has held since 1888. He is an active member of the Republican party, a member of Warren Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., and of Union Springs Chapter, No. 179, of which he has been Secretary for many years.

Mr. Robinson is a man of liberal views and of greatest integrity, energetic and progressive, who is looked up to by the whole community as one whose word is as reliable as his bond. He is one of the younger generation of men, and is not only already a prominent member of society, but is one who,

continuing his useful activities, will probably be connected with the important events of the State and nation for many years to come.

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JOHN M. KING, a well-known farmer of Genoa, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born here on June 24, 1829. His father, Abraham King, was a native of New Jersey, but resided in this county for many years. John King, the father of Abraham, having married Mary Walker, a native of Massachusetts, whose father and three brothers served in the Revolutionary War, moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, where they resided for about six years. They then came to Cayuga County, making part of the journey by water and part on horseback, bringing the baby in an iron kettle, a brother of Mrs. King driving the stock. At Ithaca Mr. King found a canoe which he had hidden the previous autumn; and in this they came to Union Springs, via Cayuga Lake, arriving on May 24, 1789.

After staying there eighteen months, they moved to Genoa, settling on the lake road, where a farm of six hundred and forty acres was purchased. A log house was built, and Mr. King at once set to work to clear his land. At this time the Indians were numerous and troublesome, their incursions increasing to such an extent that the aid of General Sullivan had to be invoked, who promptly subdued them. The Indians subsequently became very friendly to Mr. King, offering him land if he would come and settle at



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Springport. The Indian chief was especially friendly, enjoying the hospitality of the whites on many occasions. In those days large quantities of whiskey were manufactured by the farmers, most of which was taken to Albany and sold, every farmer having his own distillery. Soon after Mr. King came to Genoa he opened a ferry across Cayuga Lake, carrying the passengers across in a flatboat. He managed the ferry personally until 1820, when it was given over to his youngest son. The village of King's Ferry is named in honor of the King family. The following were the children of Mr. and Mrs. John King: Abraham, John, David, Jacob, Margaret, Charlotte, Mary, Marcus, and Edward. The third son, David, enjoyed the distinction of being the first white boy born in Cayuga County.

Abraham, the eldest son, was educated in Pennsylvania and in Genoa, N.Y., and was engaged in the business of farming all his life, working on the home farm until his marriage in 1812, when his father gave him a farm of his own. He later moved to the place now occupied by his son, John M. King, residing there until his death, which occurred in 1869. He was married to Mary Mandeville, the daughter of John and Sarah (Drake) Mandeville, and had eight children; namely, Rufus, Eliza, Frederick, Alucia, Mary, Abraham, John M., and Harriet. Eliza married Thomas Merriit, and they are the parents of a large family. Alucia married Eli Wolley, of Tompkins County, and has two children—Emmett and Flora.

Abraham married Rosanna Sargent. They have one child, Mary, and reside in California. Harriet married Edward Starke, of Northville, and has one child, Grace.

John M. King, youngest son of Abraham and Mary (Mandeville) King, was educated at the district school of Genoa, and has always followed the calling of his father and grandfather. He early showed an aptitude for the business, having charge of the father's farm, which was afterward deeded to him. He was married in 1874 to Sarah Bower, the daughter of Daniel and Anna (Baker) Bower. Mrs. King died in 1883. Mr. King is an Episcopalian in religious belief, and is a constant attendant of the Episcopal church at Northville. His political complexion is Democratic. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1852 for Franklin Pierce. He is a member of the Grange, and has been Overseer of the Poor and School Trustee. Mr. King has never mixed prominently in public affairs, although he takes a deep interest in all matters that are for the good of his native place. He enjoys to a high degree the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and, as a worthy son of a worthy father, is eminently deserving of representation by record and portraiture in this gallery of leading citizens of Cayuga County.

 EUGENE KIRKPATRICK is a man well known in the city through his connection with the Auburn Woollen Company, of which he has been chief accountant for nearly twenty years. In the



early part of this century his grandfather, Robert Calhoun Kirkpatrick, who was of Scotch descent, came to this country from the north of Ireland, and settled in Auburn. Here was born George W. Kirkpatrick, who was educated in the town schools, and became prominent in business, from which he retired a few years ago.

George W. Kirkpatrick married Helen M. Roberts, of Auburn; and their son, C. Eugene, is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Auburn on December 28, 1854, and received his education at the public schools of the city. He was a member of the high school class of 1872, and after his graduation went into the employ of the Auburn Woollen Company as book-keeper. After three years here he was induced to accept a similar position with the Canoga Woollen Company. His original employers, however, seeing how valuable had been his services, made it of advantage to him to return to them; and there he has remained since that time, holding the position he now occupies. The Auburn Woollen Company gives employment to four hundred and fifty operatives, and consumes about a million pounds of wool annually. The operatives are paid weekly; and the management of this pay-roll, together with the accounts of the wool and the weight and quality of the cloth, make the book-keeper's position a responsible one, requiring much time and ability for figures.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a member of many secret societies, and has in most of them taken a high degree. He is a member of

Auburn Lodge, No. 431, A. F. & A. M.; of David's Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; Salem Town Commandery, No. 24; Salem Town Consistory; thirty-second degree, A. F. & A. M.; and Damaseus Shrine of Rochester, N.Y.

He is a man of spotless integrity, whose word and whose ability can always be relied upon in all matters of business. His connection with numerous orders of brotherhood has made his name a well-known one in the lodge room. All those who have had the advantage of his acquaintance respect him for his business qualities and his faithfulness, and honor him for his integrity and strength of character.

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**G**EORGE IDEN, widely known as a prosperous agriculturist of the town of Ledyard, is numbered among the citizens of good repute and high standing in Cayuga County, where the larger part of his life has been passed, threescore and ten years of it having been spent on the homestead where he is now living. His birth occurred in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1820. That county has also been the place of nativity of his ancestors for several generations; and the family record shows that he is of Welsh origin, and that in 1698 three brothers, Randall, George, and John, surnamed Iden, emigrated from Wales to the United States, Randall eventually settling in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and John in North Carolina, where he was subsequently killed by the Indians. Of the children of the



former his son Randall, the second, was the great-grandfather of the subject of this biographical mention. He married Margaret Greenfield; and they reared a family of children, spending the rest of their days in Bucks County. Their son, George Iden, was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and married Hannah Foulke, who was also of Welsh extraction, and who bore him children, one of whom he named Greenfield in honor of his mother.

Greenfield Iden was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1790, and was there reared and educated, beginning the battle of life as a tiller of the soil. He also learned and followed the trade of wagon-maker. When quite young, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Beulah Green, who died a few years after marriage, leaving him with one son, Thomas G., now deceased. He married for his second wife Amy Hartley, daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Betts) Hartley, the former being a son of Thomas Hartley, and the latter a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Betts, all of whom were natives of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. After his second marriage he migrated from Pennsylvania to New York, accompanied by his wife and infant son, coming to Cayuga County in a lumber wagon, and arriving in Ledyard after a six days' journey in 1822. After looking about for a while, he bought twenty acres of land, taking possession of it in April, 1824. Most of this was cleared, and a small log cabin was standing on it, in which he and his family spent nine happy years, he replac-

ing it in 1833 by the substantial house now owned and occupied by his son. By earnest toil he cultivated and improved his land, in 1826 adding twenty-five more acres to it, and, after improving this, purchasing with his son eighty acres more. Within another ten years he added twenty-five more acres, all of it adjoining land, the whole forming a farm that in size, location, fertility, and productiveness compared favorably with any in the vicinity. On this homestead he and his estimable wife lived long and useful lives, both dying when far advanced in years, Mrs. Iden passing away March 30, 1877, at the age of eighty-nine years; while Mr. Iden, who could not long be separated from his companion, followed her in a few short days, dying April 5, 1877, at the age of eighty-seven.

On the death of his father, George Iden, the subject of this sketch, bought out the interest of his half-brother, the only other heir, and continued in the management of the farm on which he had worked so many years in conjunction with his father. Having profited by his father's knowledge and experience, and possessing sound sense and good judgment and an energetic nature, Mr. Iden has been very successful in the work to which he has given his time and attention since early youth. The greater part of his land is under cultivation; and the improvements are of a good, practical, and substantial character.

Mr. Iden was married, in 1882, to Jane E. Cox, daughter of Reese and Charity Cox, of Monroe County; and their pleasant home is



the resort of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom they are esteemed for their many excellent traits of mind and character. Both Mr. Iden and his wife are members of the Friends' Society of Ledyard, and in their social and private life show themselves to be guided by Christian principles. Mr. Iden is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics is a stanch Republican, having joined that party on its formation. In 1844 he cast his first Presidential vote for the Whig candidate for the Presidency, Henry Clay.

**I**SAAC ELDREDGE, once a prominent business man in Union Springs, was born in Springport, March 21, 1824; and therefore his age only varied six months from that of his partner, Albert Beardsley, whose widow subsequently became Mrs. Eldredge. Mr. Eldredge was a son of Elihu and Hannah (Barker) Eldredge. His father belonged to an old agricultural family in the town, having come from New England, and belonging to the Society of Friends, or Quakers. Almost the entire life of Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Eldredge was spent in this vicinity, where they died.

Their son Isaac, after leaving school, became associated with Mr. Beardsley in the grain business, under the firm name of Beardsley & Eldredge; and this relation lasted till about 1863, when Mr. Eldredge went to Chicago, and began a prosperous business as a cattle trader in the stock-yards, and in that city he passed the last twenty-five years of

his life. He had been already married since 1850 to Margaret Winegar, the daughter of Phillips and Lydia Winegar, of Union Springs. Mrs. Eldredge died in 1880, after the removal to Chicago, leaving two daughters. Sarah Elizabeth Martha, born in 1852, is now the wife of Dennis E. Sibley, of Chicago; and Ada Margaret, born in 1857, married John Willard, also of Chicago. On October 5, 1886, Mr. Eldredge married Mrs. Emma C. Watkins Beardsley, the widow of his former business associate, Albert Beardsley, of whom more may be read in the special biography of that gentleman, elsewhere in the present volume. He had long known the excellences of this lady's character; but he did not live long to enjoy her society, for he died after a happy union of only two years, on August 7, 1888. The family belonged to the Church of the Messiah, Chicago, a Unitarian society. Mrs. Eldredge, now doubly bereaved, returned to the region of her nativity, making her home at Union Springs.

It was once remarked by that distinguished preacher, Jeremy Taylor, "So long as idleness is quite shut out from our lives, all the sins of wantonness, softness, and effeminaey are prevented; and there is but little room for temptation." Such a sentiment belongs to a life like Isaac Eldredge's. He had no time for mischief, and not much for purely social duties, though he did find time for membership of the Masonic Order; but he was very successful in his enterprises, and became the owner of valuable Chicago real estate, which he left to his heirs.



**A**LBERT BEARDSLEY, formerly a strong and representative citizen of Union Springs, was born in the neighboring village of Springport, September 11, 1824. His father, Silas Beardsley, belonged to one of the pioneer Springport families, who cleared the forests to make room for agriculture and civilization.

Albert went to the district school; but, while only a lad of seventeen, in 1841, showing precocious ability, he came into the village of Union Springs, and began the grain business when the wheat and corn had to be sent away by lake boats, of which he soon found himself owning a fleet. Mr. Beardsley had for an associate in the business Mr. Isaac Eldredge, who subsequently married his widow, and whose life is sketched in a special paper in this volume. In this grain traffic he continued till his prosperity and influence enabled him to lead in the organization of the First National Bank, the oldest in Union Springs, of which he was naturally chosen the first Cashier, a position he held till the day of his death; and he held similar relations to the New York Central Insurance Company, of which he was President as well as a founder. As an enterprising citizen he was also greatly interested in the construction of the Cayuga Lake Railroad, now a branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; and he was one of the commissioners whose duty it was to look out for the interests of the town in connection with this new movement. In fact, he was one of the first two men who lifted a shovel in this work, moreover giving

money as well as effort to the road. Political offices he never cared for; but he was an eminent Free Mason, belonging to the Salem Town Commandery at Auburn, as well as to the lower lodge and chapter.

Mr. Beardsley was married February 5, 1856, at the age of thirty-two, to Emma Catherine Watkins, the daughter of Waterman Watkins, of the town of Havana, Chemung County, N.Y. Further particulars concerning the Watkins family may be found in the sketch of the Rev. Alvin Coburn. Mrs. Beardsley was born in Oriskany, Oneida County, April 24, 1836, and was therefore a dozen years her husband's junior. She was educated both in the Havana schools and in Oakwood Seminary, an institution for girls in Union Springs. Her father was born in January, 1801, in Trenton, Oneida County, N.Y., where the family were early settlers. He married Mary Chapin, of Sauquoit, and was long a produce dealer in Oriskany. In 1847, while the daughter, Emma C., was a child, the family removed to Havana, where Mr. Watkins was not only a trader but a miller and a leader in the Presbyterian church. He died September 3, 1873; and his wife, who was born in 1800, a year earlier than her husband, died eight years later, December 9, 1881. She was the daughter of David and Ruth (Seymour) Chapin, the father being a Revolutionary soldier, and for many years a resident of Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins reared a family of eight children, two boys and six girls, of whom Mrs. Beardsley was the fourth.



Mr. Beardsley died February 3, 1874, having reached his half-century of years; and he left, besides his widow, their two daughters and one son. Kate Beardsley, born in 1856, married Joshua R. Pimm, and has one daughter, Margaret Elsis Pimm. Della Beardsley, born in 1860, became Mrs. Donald Judson, and lives in Union Springs, near her birth-place. Their brother, Albert Beardsley, born in 1865, lives in Chicago, where he went at the time of his mother's second marriage, and presently found lucrative employment. To such a man as Mr. Beardsley well applies the statement of the essayist Hazlitt about talent:

"Talent is the capacity of doing anything that depends on application and industry, and is a voluntary power; while genius is involuntary."

**J**ACOB N. WALDRON, a retired farmer, and an ex-member of the County Board of Supervisors, is numbered among the most honored and respected of the citizens of Sennett, which is the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred here on December 4, 1828. He is a man of good moral principles, excellent ability, and sound judgment, and the architect of his own fortunes, his life furnishing a foreible example to the rising generation of the material success to be obtained by preserving industry and a wise system of economy. Beginning life even with the world, as regarded his finances, he worked steadily, saved his earnings, and, after he had accumulated a sufficient sum, invested it in Western lands, but

was unfortunate enough to lose all. Not a bit discouraged, however, Mr. Waldron commenced anew, and soon found fortune smiling on his efforts, so that in the course of a few years he again became a landholder. He has since added more land by purchase, and, having continually made improvements thereon, now has a fine property, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, which is under good cultivation and amply supplied with farm buildings; he has besides a residence in the village of Sennett.

John Waldron, grandfather of Jacob, was born in Haverstraw, N.Y., a descendant of early emigrants from Holland. He removed to Onondaga County with his family in 1810, twenty years later coming to the town of Sennett, where he purchased a tract of land, and engaged in farming, remaining a citizen of this place until his death, which occurred in 1852. He married Amy Gardner, who reared twelve children, their son Edward being the father of the subject of this brief record.

Edward Waldron was born in the town of Armstrong in September, 1800. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, beginning life for himself at the age of twenty-one years. He worked by the month at first; and, applying himself diligently and faithfully, and laying by a good part of his earnings, he saved enough in time to warrant him in the purchase of fifty acres of land in the town of Sennett, where he afterward bought thirty acres more. He improved a good homestead, and lived there until his death in 1850, being a useful and valued citizen of his adopted town.



The maiden name of his good wife was Clarissa Mandeville. She was a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Mandeville. Of their union seven children were born: namely, John, Jacob N., Sarah, Charles, Clark, Cornelius, and Edward.

Jacob N. Waldron, the second son of Edward and Clarissa, acquired his elementary education in the district schools of his native town, supplementing it by a course of study at Starkey's Seminary. When still quite a young lad he began the battle of life for himself, working by the month or the job, at whatever his hands could find to do. By steady application to work and the good habit he had of saving his pennies, he accumulated in the course of time three hundred dollars. With this in his pocket, in 1849 he started westward in search of his fortune. On arriving at Chicago, there being no railroads in Illinois, he walked to Winnebago County, in the northern part of the State, where he invested his money in a tract of unbroken prairie land, and with undaunted energy began its improvement. The weather was very inclement during that season, consequently his crops were a failure; and he, being left nearly penniless, made his way back to Chicago on foot, and worked his passage from that city to Buffalo. Returning to his home, he secured employment at wood-chopping, and, saving all of his money, returned to Illinois in the following spring. This time he had better success, and remained in the Prairie State until 1856, when he retraced his way to his native town, and settled on the old homestead. A few years later he bought out the interests

of the other heirs; and subsequently he bought more land, adding to the original acreage of the homestead, until now his farm contains one hundred and sixty acres of good land, well improved. He remained at the old home, busily engaged in the management of his farm, until 1877, when he purchased his present place of residence in the village of Sennett, where he is now enjoying the reward of his former years of toil.

His wife, to whom he was united in 1855, was Elizabeth Green, daughter of Solomon and Amy (Edmunds) Green, of Jordan, Onondaga County; and they were the parents of seven children, as follows: Jacob, Francis, Clara A., Mary, Elizabeth, John, and Grace. The two elder children of this household died when quite young. No man has taken a warmer interest in the prosperity of Sennett than Mr. Jacob N. Waldron, who has ever indorsed all worthy enterprises to promote its industrial, educational, and moral advancements, and has always been a staunch advocate of the temperance cause. In politics he is a strong Republican, having been a supporter of the principles of that party since its formation. For fourteen years he served most acceptably as a member of the Board of Supervisors, his clear judgment, wise decisions, and personal integrity being respected throughout the community.

JAMES D. KANALEY, dealer in groceries and produce, is a prominent business man of the town of Weedsport, where he has been established since



1877. He was born on June 8, 1848, in Limerick County, Ireland, and at an early age came to America with his mother, joining his father, who had already been for several years in this country. They settled in Elbridge, Onondaga County, N.Y. Edward Kanaley, the father, was a farmer, and a descendant of the Kanaleys of Limerick, Ireland. Later in life he bought a farm in the town of Brutus, and there lived until the time of his death in 1869. He left eight children, four of whom are now living: James D., the subject of this sketch; John, now in Chicago, in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad; Edward, of La Fayette, Ind.; Sarah, who now resides with her family in Syracuse, N.Y.

James D. Kanaley received his early education in the district schools of Sennett, and then took an advanced course in the Munroe Collegiate Institute of Elbridge. After a short time spent in farming, he engaged in railroad work, first with the New York Central, and later with the old Southern Central Railroad, receiving at first but seven dollars a month. When the extra tracks were laid down on the New York Central, he had a number of teams which were brought into use; and he also acted as foreman, receiving good wages for his services, and saving enough in a few years to enable him to start in business for himself. In 1870 he came to Weedsport, and started a small store, establishing a trade which has since rapidly increased, until he is now one of the leading merchants of the town.

January 7, 1873, Mr. Kanaley married Sarah Byron, daughter of Michael Byron, of High Market, Lewis County, N.Y.; and they are the parents of five sons, namely: Charles E., who works in the store with his father; Francis T.; Byron V.; James L.; and John B. The family are all members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mr. Kanaley has held many public offices, having been Trustee of the village, Village Assessor, and Inspector of Elections for the town of Brutus. These offices he accepted, not because he aspired to public honors, but that he might be of service to his fellow-townsmen and his party; and in each of these positions he has shown himself worthy of the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has risen to his present position by his own exertions, and, it may well be hoped, has yet many years before him in which to be of service to his adopted town.

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**J**AMES FOLLETT, one of the largest landholders of the town of Ira, and one of its most progressive and prosperous farmers, is the descendant of an honored pioneer of this part of Cayuga County, his father having settled in Ira nearly threescore years ago. Mr. Follett is a native of the Empire State, having been born March 18, 1829, in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, which was also the place of nativity of his parents, Isaac and Penina (Hunt) Follett.

Isaac Follett was reared to manhood in his native county, and, having learned the cloth-



ier's trade, worked at it several years, accumulating some property. Desiring to invest in land, he came to Cayuga County in 1835, the long and wearisome journey being made by canal and teams. The country was new and undeveloped, and neighbors were few and far between. Mr. Follett purchased one hundred and sixteen acres of land, which he cultivated and improved, and thus contributed his full share toward the growth and development of the town. He and his wife prospered in their labors, and were enabled to spend their later years in comfort and plenty. Of the seven children born to them six are yet alive, the following being their record: Sarah Ann, the widow of Dr. S. D. Andrews, resides in Granby; James, the subject of this sketch; Matilda, the widow of Tompkins Robinson, of Oswego, died at the age of sixty years. Margaret, the wife of Dr. L. V. Flint, lives in Syracuse. Johanna, the wife of M. G. Andrews, resides in Syracuse. Frances, who married G. B. Andrews, lives at Bethel Corners, in the town of Ira. Alice resides in Syracuse. Both Mr. and Mrs. Follett spent their last years on the old homestead, where the former died at the age of seventy-nine, and Mrs. Follett at the age of seventy. They were liberal in their religious views, and were highly esteemed in the community. Mr. Follett was an active worker in the interests of his adopted town, served acceptably in various local offices, and was an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

James Follett was a mere boy when he

came with his parents to Ira. He developed into manhood on the home farm, and was trained to habits of industry and economy, which laid the foundations of his subsequent success, and gained for him universal respect. He attended the district schools, and, having been reared as a farmer, has since made that his principal occupation, although, being a man of versatility, he can turn his hand to various kinds of labor. When twenty-three years of age, he began his agricultural career by purchasing a tract of land. To this purchase he has since added, from time to time, and now has a magnificent farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres, all improved and well cultivated. He also has a good residence and substantial farm buildings, the whole having an air of neatness and prosperity that never fails to attract the attention of the passing traveller. Besides attending to his farming interests, Mr. Follett was for several years interested in the mercantile trade, carrying on a successful business in that line from 1871 till 1878. In 1876 he moved into the village of Ira, where he has a fine residence, and, in addition to managing his farm, is extensively engaged in the lumber business. He is one of the most enterprising business men of his locality, and in all his success has ever a thought for the best interests of the community, being a willing and effective supporter of any plan for the public benefit. As a farmer he displays excellent judgment in his operations; and, in addition to raising good crops of corn, tobacco, and small grains, he has one of the



finest dairies in the town, and is one of the stockholders in the Ira Butter and Cheese Factory.

On the 20th of November, 1851, Mr. Follett was united in marriage to Lucina Robinson, who was born in the town of Hannibal, November 22, 1832. She is the daughter of Isaac and Betsey (Thompson) Robinson, who reared a family of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Follett and her sister, Mrs. John Phelps, are the only ones now living. Of the union of Mr. Follett and his estimable wife four children were born; but death invaded the happy home circle, taking away Isaac, a bright lad of twelve years, and Medora, a winsome little girl of four. The two surviving children are Ida May, wife of Wilson E. Palmer, a farmer, and Supervisor of the town of Ira, and Howard W. Follett, a successful farmer of Ira.

Politically, Mr. Follett is a staunch adherent of the Republican party. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and has served in various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, always with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. He and his wife are charter members of the Farmers' Grange of Ira, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**H**ENRY D. TITUS, of Auburn, is the able Superintendent of the Auburn Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and has long been identified with practical railway interests. He was born in

the town of Victor, Ontario County, N.Y., June 5, 1849. His great-grandfather was Benjamin Titus, who was born on Long Island. A more remote ancestor than Benjamin was Samuel Titus, who came from Suffolkshire, England, and settled on Long Island about 1664, where he and his descendants lived for some generations, engaged for the most part in agricultural pursuits. They were Quakers in religion down to the grandfather of Henry D. Titus, a second Samuel Titus, who married "out of meeting," which caused a break in the religious unity of the family.

The Titus family were noted for their longevity, Benjamin Titus dying on Long Island, at an advanced age. He had a son James, who was born on Long Island, January 15, 1747. The latter, on attaining mature years, resided for some time in the vicinity of New York City, and later went to Dutchess County, New York, where he married Phebe Keese. James Titus died in Saratoga County, in 1839, at the home of his son Samuel, who was born in Dutchess County, New York, May 29, 1774. Samuel Titus went to Ballston, Saratoga County, when a boy, and in that town grew up to manhood, his actual residence being at a place known as Burnt Hills. He married a young lady of Schoharie County, Miss Charlotte Briggs; and they resided in Saratoga County until their death, Mr. Titus dying in 1864, and his wife in 1858. They reared a family of ten children, of whom Samuel Titus, Jr., father of the subject of this biography, was the youngest. He was



born in Ballston, on Independence Day, 1818, and grew up on his father's farm. He was married, in the village of Burnt Hills, to Miss Mary Hollister, who was born in that place, May 18, 1820, and came of a good family, the Hollisters having been the first settlers of that locality. Mary Hollister's grandfather purchased a tract of land at Burnt Hills from the Indians, and remained there all his life, dying at a good old age. His son, Solomon D. Hollister, the maternal grandfather of Henry D. Titus, was born in the same place, and lived there all his life. He was well known as a prominent contractor, and was connected with the building of the Erie Canal. He also built the aqueduct across the Mohawk River, not far below Schenectady, N.Y. He spent his last years at Burnt Hills, where he died in 1824, in middle life. His wife by maiden name was Zilpha Cady, her native place being Florida, Montgomery County, N.Y. She died at Battle Creek, Mich., at the ripe age of eighty-six. Her family consisted of four sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Samuel Titus of this notice is the youngest. Since 1855 Samuel Titus, the third of the name, and his wife have resided in Auburn; and for the past thirty years Mr. Titus has been engaged in the building of stone sidewalks, of which he has constructed many miles. He also superintended the building of the beautiful Bradley Memorial Chapel at the entrance to Fort Hill Cemetery, which is one of the finest pieces of masonry in this part of the State.

As Samuel Titus removed to Auburn when Henry D. was only five or six years old, the boy received his education here in the common schools and the old academy, supplemented by private study. Beginning life for himself, he was first placed in charge of the telegraph department of Worthington & Warner's Commercial College in Auburn, having already learned telegraphy in that institution; but after a short time he obtained a situation in the post-office, under Postmaster William Allen. Next came the great change of his life, which brought him prominently into railway enterprises. In the fall of 1866 he was employed by General W. H. Seward, Treasurer of the Southern Central Railroad Company, who made young Titus his book-keeper; and thus he became permanently connected with this road even before its construction was begun. He was then about eighteen years old; and by the time the road was fairly in progress he held the responsible post of Cashier, retaining the place eight years, till September, 1874, when he became Assistant Treasurer, an office he has retained already a score of years. In 1870 he began acting as Paymaster.

Mr. Henry D. Titus was appointed Acting Superintendent of the Southern Central Railroad, January 26, 1885; and two years later, at New Year's, 1887, when the road was leased to the Lehigh Valley Railroad, he became Superintendent of the Southern Central Division of the Pennsylvania & New York Canal and Railroad Company, holding the new office till December 1, 1888. From Jan-



uary 1 of the same year till March 16, 1892, he was Superintendent of the Auburn Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, when for five months he served as Superintendent of the Auburn Division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. In August of that same year, 1892, he was appointed Superintendent of the South Central Railroad for Charles Campbell, its Trustee, but on December 5 of that winter he resumed his former position as Superintendent of the Auburn Division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and held it till August 1, 1893, at which time the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company again took possession of the property, Mr. Titus retaining the same position which he holds at the present time.

It is noticeable that, while apparently holding many different railroad offices during these thirty years, Mr. Titus has virtually been in charge of the same section of road, the variations being in the corporate ownership rather than in the road itself. The Southern Central Railroad was organized in 1865, and its construction begun two years later. It was finished from Owego to Auburn in February, 1870, from Owego to North Fair Haven in November, 1871, and from State Line to North Fair Haven in April, 1872. In May, 1892, Mr. Titus was also made Superintendent of the Auburn, Ithaca, and Cayuga Branches of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; and on August 1, 1893, he became Superintendent of these branches of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. About six hundred

men are employed on these lines when doing a full business, including the train men who make this city their headquarters. Of course this involves a heavy pay-roll. Mr. Titus has in his possession the solid silver spike, the first one driven on the Southern Central Railroad at Owego, July 10, 1869, and another spike driven on the completion of the enterprise. During the memorable strike on the Lehigh Valley Railroad in November, 1893, he had charge of the road, and succeeded in bringing the contest to a satisfactory conclusion. In the E. D. Clapp Manufacturing Company he is Executive Director and Trustee.

Politically, Mr. Titus is a Republican, but has never accepted any important office, albeit he is a Trustee of the City Hospital, and is a member of the local historical society. His career recalls the apostolic text, "Diligent in business, serving the Lord"; and he personifies the aphorism of Lord Bulwer-Lytton, "Business despatched is business well done, but business hurried is business ill done."

On November 11, 1874, at the age of twenty-five, Mr. Titus married Mary C. Woodruff, daughter of a solid resident of Auburn, Harmon Woodruff; and they have a most pleasant home, with two children: Harry Woodruff Titus, born in 1876; and Pauline Louise Titus, born in 1880. The family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church, whereof Mr. Titus has been fifteen years a Vestryman, and now is Junior Warden.



SCAR F. BARTLETT, M.D., who is also entitled to the term "Honorable," having served in the Wisconsin legislature — two terms in the House of Representatives, and one year in the Senate — is the oldest practising physician in the town of Cato, where his professional knowledge and skill have met with ample recognition. His many years of varied practice in hospitals, on the field of battle, and in village and country, have tended to make his medical experience and proficiency much above the average, have gained for him the confidence and respect of a wide community, and given him an honored position among his professional brethren. Dr. Bartlett was born in the town of Victory, Cayuga County, October 2, 1823. His grandfather, Michael Bartlett, was a worthy pioneer of that place, being one of its earliest settlers, but, afterward removing to Cato, here spent the latter part of a long life, dying at an advanced age.

The Rev. John Milton Bartlett, the Doctor's father, was born in the Empire State, and spent a large portion of his life in Cayuga County. Although his educational facilities were exceedingly limited in his early years, he made good use of each shining moment, and, without attending college, by persevering diligence in his studies, fitted himself for a minister of the gospel, and was for some years connected with the Baptist denomination in that capacity, but in later life became a pastor in the Church of the Disciples. He was well prepared for the duties and responsibilities of his chosen calling, which he fol-

lowed with conscientious devotion until the time of his death, in 1868, in the town of Clarence, Erie County, N.Y., not very far from Buffalo. The maiden name of his devoted wife and faithful colaborer, was Hannah Earl. She was also a native of New York. Of their union ten children were born, seven of whom grew to maturity, and four of whom are now living, namely: Oscar F.; Milton D., and Edward M., both lawyers in Eau Claire, Wis.; and Ann Eliza, the wife of Dr. A. J. Brewster, of Syracuse, N.Y.

The boyhood of Oscar was passed in laying the foundation of his substantial education in the district schools of this county, his first temple of learning being a small log house, in which he was well drilled in the elements of knowledge. Being ambitious and studious, he early became qualified to fill the position of instructor, and earned his first money as a teacher in the village of Cato. He was very successful in teaching, and was thus largely engaged for a period of ten years; but in the mean time he worked, when schools were not in session, in the hay and harvest fields, receiving the best wages then paid. Having precociously determined to enter the medical profession, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Robert Treat Payne, a noted physician of Cato, when only fifteen years old, and pursued his studies, in connection with teaching and working at manual labor, for several years, becoming quite proficient therein. In 1842 young Bartlett, having scarcely entered his twentieth year, went to Wisconsin, where at first he worked on a



farm in Delavan, afterward spending a time in Racine, engaged in teaching; and he was for a while employed as a clerk in the general merchandise store of Durand & Co. Removing thence to East Troy, in the same State, he soon won a reputation as a teacher of superior ability, his force of character, decision of manner, and genial tact making him popular with all of his pupils, and enabling him to govern the most unruly of them without resorting to the use of rod or ruler. He subsequently attended lectures at Rush Medical College in Chicago, Ill., during which time he was a student in the office of Dr. N. S. Davis, one of the most prominent practitioners of that city, and then began the practice of his profession in East Troy, Wis.

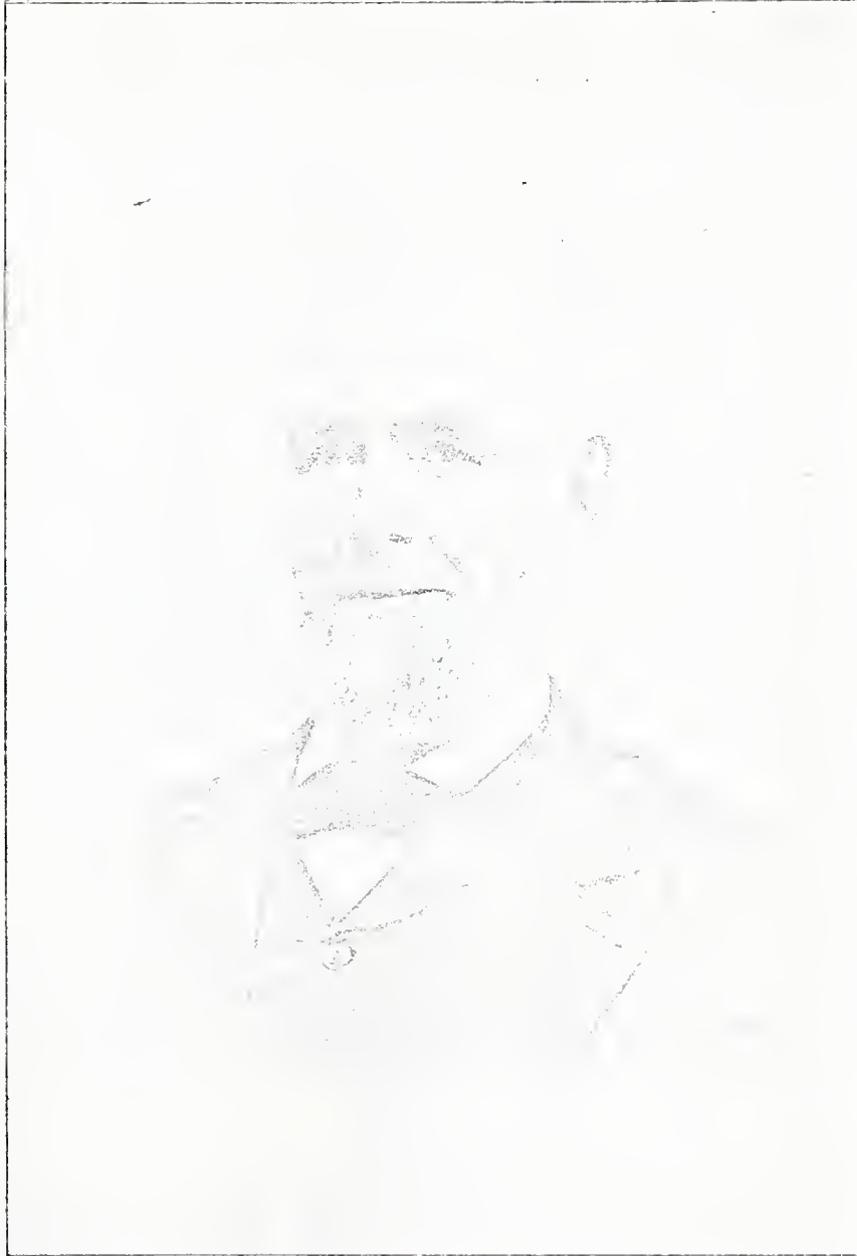
On the breaking out of the late Rebellion, inspired by true patriotic ardor, Dr. Bartlett enlisted in the Sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and in June, 1861, was appointed Assistant Surgeon of that regiment, in which capacity he served until the 13th of October, 1862, when he was transferred to the Third Wisconsin Regiment, and was appointed to the position of Surgeon. He continued with the regiment, faithfully discharging his arduous duties, until January 1, 1865, when he was taken sick, and was obliged to resign. He returned to his home; but for four years thereafter he was unable to resume his practice, being disabled by rheumatism. He was a citizen of prominence and influence in Wisconsin, where he was three times elected to the State legislature, and served acceptably and satisfactorily two terms in the lower

house and one year in the Senate. In 1868 Dr. Bartlett returned to Cayuga County, New York, and, locating his office and home in the village of Meridian, has since engaged in the practice of his profession in this vicinity, adding to the excellent reputation which he had previously won as a physician.

Dr. Bartlett has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was wedded in Syracuse, January 19, 1864, was Maria Holyoke; but their wedded happiness was of brief duration, her early death occurring the same year. She left one daughter, Maria H., who married E. A. Kingsley, of New York City, and died at twenty-six years of age. Dr. Bartlett was again married, on May 25, 1869. Maria Bassett Holyoke, the widow of Edward A. Holyoke, becoming his second wife. Mrs. Bartlett was born in Pittsfield, Otsego County, N.Y., being a daughter of Parley and Ascnath (Hall) Bassett. Her father was a native of Berkshire, Mass., and her mother of Pittsfield, N.Y. Mr. Bassett was for some years engaged in the freight department of the Syracuse & Oswego Railway Company, but had previously been a merchant in Syracuse, being a pioneer of that place, and one of its most successful business men. He married Asenath Hall; and both passed their declining years in Syracuse, he dying at the venerable age of ninety years, and his wife at the age of fourscore years. They became the parents of five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Maria, Mrs. Bartlett; Amelia, Mrs. Stanley Bagg, of Syracuse; and Mary, Mrs. Robert Davis, of



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New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett were held in high regard by their large circle of friends, as people of superior worth, and broad benevolence; in their religious views they were Unitarians. Mr. Bassett was City Treasurer of Syracuse, N.Y., for five years.

Mrs. Bartlett is a woman of intelligence and culture, who in the days of her girlhood received a liberal education. In 1852 she united her destinies with Edward A. Holyoke, a capable and honored man, who died in Louisville, Ky., ten years later, in 1862, leaving her with two bright and interesting children: Edward A. Holyoke, who is a resident of Omaha, Neb.; and a daughter, Bessie Holyoke, who died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a sad vacancy in the home circle, and being mourned by a large number of warm friends. Of her union with Dr. Bartlett one child was born, John M.; but he has also crossed the river of death, having lived to be but nineteen years old. Dr. and Mrs. Bartlett are prominent in social and religious circles. He is very liberal in his views, and she is a consistent member of the Unitarian church. Politically, the Doctor is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

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**Z**EBULON HOLMES, who was for thirty years Keeper in the Auburn State prison at Auburn, N.Y., and is now retired from active business life, was born in the town of Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y., September 6, 1816, son of Benjamin and Ruth (Edgerton) Holmes.

His father was born in New Jersey, and was one of the early settlers of Onondaga County. While residing there, he served in the War of 1812, going to Oswego. He was a farmer, owning his own land, in addition to which he followed the trade of a brick and stone mason. He died in the vicinity of Cazenovia, Madison County, N.Y. Mrs. Holmes was a native of Hartford, Conn., coming with her father to Onondaga County when a young child. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and also a veteran of the War of 1812.

Zebulon Holmes received his education in the village of Delphi, and came to Auburn before he was sixteen years old. The well-known General Slocum, whose father kept a village store in Delphi, was one of his old schoolmates. Mr. Holmes was early employed as a mason's assistant, his first day's work being to help make the mortar used in the erection of Walley's drug store in 1832. The drug store still stands. After a short time he went to the brickyard of Sexton & Kelsey, remaining with them for twelve years, most of the time acting as foreman. In 1845 he went to Bay City, Mich., at that time only five buildings being in existence there. He afterward went to Au Sable River, where was a settlement of about nine hundred Indians. This was fifty miles from any of the white settlements, and was situated three miles from where a saw-mill was being erected for Colonel Howard and Levi Van Netten, of Owasco. He remained here for eight months, spending the winter in Saginaw, and was afterward engaged as foreman on the Lake



Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Hillsdale, Mich. He remained here for one year, but on account of a severe attack of ague was obliged to return to New York State, where he was an invalid for some three years, and on his recovery went to work as a common laborer, for which he was paid eighteen dollars per month. He was next offered fifty dollars per month and board, to superintend half the gang of fifty men. In this he was eminently successful, receiving the highest compliments from his employers in regard to the amount and quality of work he turned out, and was offered one hundred dollars per month to stay another year. His health, however, would not permit of his remaining in that employment. He next worked in a brickyard, remaining there until 1849, when he received a position as corporation employee, the next year being elected Superintendent of Streets. He was re-elected to this position; but, his health again failing, he did not qualify. He next obtained a position in the State prison at the time Colonel Lewis was Warden. Mr. Holmes was first appointed on night duty at a salary of thirty dollars per month. On May 8, 1855, eight prisoners succeeded in making their escape going north by the way of the railroad. Mr. Holmes recaptured three of them unassisted. He was next made Keeper at forty-five dollars per month, which was afterward raised to seventy-five. He held this position in the prison for the lengthy period of twenty years and six months. Mr. Holmes in his politics was first a Whig and

afterward a Republican, serving as Keeper through three Democratic administrations. He was a model Keeper, gaining the respect of the men, and showing no partiality toward any one. He was sometimes obliged to punish prisoners, which, however, was never done in anger or irritation, the position requiring much firmness and patience. Mr. Holmes resided for many years on Division Street, where he owned three dwelling-houses. He has also owned considerable real estate on Henry Street.

Mr. Holmes was married to Miss Rebecca Freeman, a daughter of Stephen Freeman, an old resident of Auburn. Mrs. Holmes was born May 10, 1827. Eleven children were born to them, of whom eight are living, namely: Franklin, now a resident of Terre Haute, Ind.; Theodore, a resident of Auburn; Uretta, wife of Thomas P. Beacham, of Auburn; Edward, who is attached to the police force of this city; Sarah, wife of Luther Armitage; Cornelia, wife of John Fry; Marvin E., of Utica, N.Y.; and Palmer W., a travelling salesman for a New York hardware firm; Rebecca, who died in 1882, was the wife of Alfred Gill.

Mr. Holmes is a member of Auburn Lodge, A. F. & A. M., having been connected with it for thirty-one years. He is also, and has been for fifteen years, a member of the Relief Association. Mrs. Holmes died December 27, 1888. Mr. Holmes now resides with his daughter, Mrs. John Fry. He is still in the enjoyment of health and mental vigor, and takes a deep interest in the



affairs of the city, having the confidence and esteem of all parties.

The portrait of ex-Keeper Holmes, which accompanies this brief biography, will here attract the reader's attention. Coming generations will cherish his memory as a man who was faithful to his trusts.

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**T**ERRY EVERSON, President of the First National Bank of Moravia, was born in the town of this name on July 2, 1821, when it was a part of the old town of Sempronius, and is the son of William and Catherine (Thompson) Everson. The father came here with his parents from New Jersey about 1788 or 1789, when only about four years old. He was the son of John Everson, who was of an old New Jersey family, of Dutch descent. William received his education in the district schools, and afterward engaged in farming, the grandfather giving a portion of the old farm to each of his sons. He lived thereon until 1864, when he removed into the village of Moravia, where he died in 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. William Everson reared the following family: John, a resident of Moravia; Terry; Benjamin F.; William T.; Morgan L.; Adelia M.; Julius; Julia; and Corydon L., the latter now residing at Bradford, Pa. Benjamin F., who died in 1867, was the organizer of the First National Bank of Moravia, of which he was Cashier for a few years, afterward going to New York City, and from there to Ashland, Pa., where

he died. William T., who now lives at Union City, Pa., retired, was for some time in the oil business there. Morgan L. is a retired merchant of Moravia. Adelia M. is the wife of David Webb, a retired farmer of Moravia. Julius resides at Elk Grove, Cal., where he is engaged in the mercantile business. Julia lives with her sister, Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Everson survived her husband some years, dying in February, 1884.

Terry Everson at first pursued his studies in the district school, and after being employed for a year in a store at Venice, finished his education at the academy in the village of Moravia, four miles from his home on the farm, much of the time walking the whole distance to and fro. He also took a year's course of study at Groton. He then taught school at Ludlowville, Tompkins County, for a year. In the fall of 1843 he went to Auburn, and here taught school for four years.

He next went into the book and stationery business in Binghamton, selling out after one year. In September, 1850, he with his brother bought a dry-goods store at Kelloggsville, and had a very successful general country store. In 1857 they purchased the H. B. Hewitt store and business in Moravia, Benjamin having charge of the store at Moravia, and Terry at Kelloggsville. Selling out his interest in the Kelloggsville store in 1859, he came to Moravia; and in 1863 he and Morgan L. bought the brother Benjamin's interest in the store here. In 1867 Morgan L. sold out his interest to Hector H. Tuttle, the firm name thenceforward being Everson & Tuttle.



This arrangement continued until 1883, when they sold out the store to Mr. T. J. Webster.

Mr. Everson was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Moravia, one of the first national banks in the county, it being No. 99 of the national banks in the United States. Mr. Everson was elected one of the first Directors, he at the present time being the only one of the original Directors. The capital stock was at first fifty thousand dollars; but after two or three years it was increased to eighty thousand dollars, at which it now remains. The earnings have been divided semi annually, except its present surplus of forty-two thousand dollars. The first President was Austin B. Hale, Benjamin F. Everson being First Cashier until 1865. Mr. Terry Everson was made President in 1884, after the death of H. H. Tuttle, his old partner. Mr. Everson has been Justice of the Peace for Moravia, and also Supervisor of the town for three or four years, and while on the board was a member of the Equalization Committee. He has also been a member and President of the Board of Education, as well as President and Trustee of the village. Mr. Everson, together with Mr. Leander Fitts, who was Cashier of the bank for many years, were active in organizing the Union School; and, after that was decided upon, they, with Mr. William Titus, now deceased, were the Building Committee who had charge of the planning and erection of the fine school building. He was an active member of the Board of Education for many years, until a few years ago, when he declined to serve longer.

Mr. Everson was married in February, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Glover, of Niles, a daughter of William Glover, an old resident of the town. Two children have been born to them, namely: M. Adella, wife of W. E. Nye, of Moravia; and Charles T. Everson, who is now engaged in the bank. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Everson is a member. Mr. Everson built a very pleasant home on Main Street in 1861, where he has lived since that time. Mr. Everson's business life has been mainly in Moravia. He takes the greatest interest in the town, and is always to the fore in all matters pertaining to its development.

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REV. G. S. TRANSUE, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Union Springs since October 18, 1893, and a minister of the church since 1865, was born in Smithfield, Monroe County, Pa., November 4, 1837, and is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Smith) Transue. The father, who was a blacksmith and a soldier of the War of 1812, lived in Smithfield all his life, dying in 1872, at the age of seventy-eight years. The family were members of the German Reformed church. The town of Smithfield was named after the mother's ancestors.

The Rev. G. S. Transue received his education at the common school and the Presbyterian Academy at Delaware Water Gap, after which he taught school for a time, until he began studying for the ministry. He first began regular preaching in 1865, within the



bounds of the Wyoming Conference, and was admitted into the East Genesee Conference in 1867. His first appointment was at Forksville, Pa., he serving there one year, and afterward serving on the Monroeton charge for two years. During that time the first Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school was started there. He next went to East Charleston, Tioga County, and, after remaining in that place three years, went to Burlington, where he spent a like period, in which he held a revival at Luther's Mills, and built the first Methodist Episcopal church in that town. From there he went to Westfield, Pa., where he held large and successful revival meetings. His next field of labor was Potter Centre, Yates County, N.Y., where he was for two years, being instrumental in repairing the parsonage and putting the affairs of the church in better condition than he found them. His subsequent charges were Bellona, also in Yates County, and Williamson, Wayne County. His next three years' pastorate was at Liverpool, Onondaga County. In 1889 he went to Havana, where he remained one year, his next place being Rose in Wayne County, where he was three years. While there he repaired the church at North Rose. His present charge is Union Springs, which includes Aurora, he holding two services in the former place and one at Aurora. He has been blessed with eight conversions and additions at Union Springs, and is just starting a project for a new church at this place.

The Rev. Mr. Transue was married on December 20, 1860, to Miss Mary J. Nye,

daughter of David Nye, who is an old resident of Smithfield, Pa., now aged seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Transue have seven children, of whom brief mention may be here made as follows: Seward, who was born on the first Fast Day of the War, September 26, 1861, travels for a Chicago house. Lola May, born February 3, 1863, is the wife of A. J. Kelsey, of Rochester, and has one child, Lizzie May. Judson L., born August 3, 1865, is the cashier of a bank at Williamson. Aurilla, born December 31, 1867, is the wife of A. E. Desmond, of Rose, N.Y. Lizzie, born March 1, 1870, is the wife of F. E. Young, of Liverpool, an attorney of the firm of Jones, McGowan & Young, of Syracuse, and has one child, Ray. George was born February 29, 1872. Hobart F., who was born on March 13, 1881, lives with his parents.

The Rev. G. S. Transue is a fluent and powerful pulpit orator. He is a man of extreme earnestness of purpose, and has met with a due meed of success in his ministerial life.

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**C**HARLES A. WILLS, of Auburn, N.Y., who is now in office as a City Assessor, was born in Auburn on July 28, 1854, and has spent most of his life here, contributing to its industrial interests, regardful of the public weal, and gaining for himself the reputation of one who deserves the confidence and trust of his fellow-citizens.

His parents came to Auburn in 1849 from Quebec. They were of English descent, and faithful members of the Episcopal church.



In 1857 the husband and father, who had been prominent in church circles in Quebec, died, leaving his widow, Mrs. Mary A. Gardner Wills, with five small children to care for. She, with the courage of a true woman, determined to keep them together, and give each a good education, which by careful management she succeeded in doing.

Charles A. Wills, after receiving a common-school education in the schools of Auburn, learned the trade of painter, doing general work for a time, and afterward having charge of the painting department in the large carriage manufactory of his brother, George F. Wills. Here he has remained for the past eighteen years, having from eight to twelve men employed under him, and turning out work inferior to none in this part of the State.

Mr. Wills is somewhat interested in real estate. He built himself a good home on Spring Street in 1882, in June of which year he was married to Miss Mary A. Wilson, of Auburn, daughter of Frank Wilson, an old resident of this city, and for many years foreman of the woollen-mill. He is a strong supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Wills is also a member. Mr. and Mrs. Wills have two children—Bernice Ida and Mildred Pauline.

The first official appointment of Mr. Wills was by the Common Council, on June 6, 1893, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alexander Stevens; and he filled that position with such credit to himself and party that he received the unanimous nomination at the Republican Convention, and was elected by a

large majority. The arduous duties of his office, which have necessarily taken much of his time of late, he has always succeeded in performing faithfully, and, as it would seem, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

As to his private business, he has never allowed anything to escape him which might improve his methods of carrying on his trade, or, it might rather be said, his art; for Mr. Wills's work has amounted almost to a fine art. By careful attention to the interests of others and to those things which make for the welfare and progress of society he has shown himself a public-spirited and highly useful member of the community.

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**A** BRAHAM R. WILLEY, attorney and counsellor-at-law of Fair Haven, N.Y., was born at East Haddam, Middlesex County, Conn., September 2, 1823, and is the son of Barak B. and Deborah R. (Brockway) Willey. The father was born at East Haddam about the year 1793. He was a graduate of Yale, and at one time studied for the Presbyterian ministry, but was never ordained. When the subject of this sketch was six months old, his parents came to New York State, where they bought seven hundred acres of land near Auburn, paying two dollars and fifty cents per acre. They returned to East Haddam, afterward moving to New York and Albany, and finally settling at Auburn, where Mr. Willey cleared up his farm land, and made that his home. He died in the town of Victory in 1889, at the remark-



ably advanced age of ninety-six years. Mrs. Willey was a native of Brockway Ferry, on the east side of the Connecticut River, and was a daughter of Ezra Brockway, of old Colonial stock. Abraham Willey, the paternal grandfather, was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and came of English ancestry.

Abraham R. Willey, of Fair Haven, acquired his early education at the common schools, at Victory Academy, and Red Creek Academy, afterward receiving private tuition from his father at his home. In the fall of 1849 he moved to Fair Haven, where he purchased a farm half a mile from his present home; and there he carried on farming for a short time. Having an inclination for the legal profession, he read law with the firm of Marsh & Webb, of Oswego, N.Y., and was admitted to the bar by examination held at the general term at Rochester in 1858, being allowed to practise as attorney and counsellor in all the courts of the United States. He remained at Oswego for two years, making his home at Fair Haven, at the expiration of that time locating his office at Fair Haven, where he has since conducted his practice. Mr. Willey has never been an aspirant for office. He was appointed Collector of Customs for the port of Fair Haven during President Cleveland's first term, and has always been an active worker in the Democratic ranks. The village of Fair Haven was incorporated in 1871, Mr. Willey making out all the necessary papers, and was prevailed upon to accept its first Presidency, but refused a re-nomination. Mr. Willey is a veteran of the

Civil War, having enlisted in the Ninety-third New York Volunteer Infantry, Company I, which was ordered to Petersburg, where he served with his regiment until they were disbanded. He is a member of Hudson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held various offices.

Mr. Willey married Miss Rhoanna Bissell, of Wolcott, Wayne County, N.Y.; and they have two children, namely: Sarah, wife of Asa J. Gray, of Fair Haven; and Edward A. The family are members of the Episcopal church, but attend the Presbyterian church of Fair Haven. Mr. Willey is of a retiring disposition. In every instance the office has had to seek the man; but, when once prevailed upon to accept, he has filled satisfactorily and with credit every position to which he has been elected. Mr. Willey has a beautiful home on Lake Street, Fair Haven, which he built in 1890, opposite the old dwelling in which he resided for thirty-five years.

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CHARLES A. GWYNN, M.D., one of the leading homœopathic physicians of Auburn, N.Y., was born in Throopsville, Cayuga County, N.Y., May 27, 1867, and is the son of Dr. William M. and Orphana E. (Andrews) Gwynn. Dr. Gwynn, Sr., was born in the north of Ireland, but came to this country when a little child, with his parents, who established their home in Pompey, Onondaga County. He first educated himself as an allopathic physician, finishing his studies at the Jefferson Medical



College, Philadelphia, and afterward studying at the Philadelphia Homœopathic College, on leaving which he settled, in 1865, at Throopsville, where he has practised continuously since, ranking among the leaders in the homœopathic medical profession of this county. He is a member of various medical associations, in which he has taken an active part, holding the Presidency of the Central New York State Medical Society for some years. Mrs. Gwynn is a native of Onondaga County, and was educated at the Albany Normal School. Dr. and Mrs. William M. Gwynn have three children, namely: Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Geneva, a teacher in the high school at Quincy, Mass.; and Gratia, a teacher in the high school at Westboro, Mass. Both of the daughters were graduated from the Syracuse University. Miss Geneva Gwynn received the highest recommendations from the State Superintendent, and was called from Westboro, Mass., to Quincy, in that State, near Boston, as teacher of Latin. Both Dr. William M. Gwynn and his wife are members of the Church of Christ.

Charles A. Gwynn was educated at the Throopsville and Syracuse High Schools, afterward reading medicine with his father, and attending lectures at the New York Homœopathic College, graduating from that institution in the class of 1888. He was appointed immediately after his graduation, by competitive examination, to the position of House Physician to the Children's Charity Hospital at Five Points, New York City, and subsequently became House Surgeon in the

private hospital of Professor William Todd Helmuth, in which capacity he had full charge of the hospital for one year. In 1890 he came to Auburn, and has built up one of the best medical practices in the city, making a specialty of gynæcology. Dr. Gwynn is a member of both the State and County Medical Societies, and is Secretary of the Allied Homœopathic and Allopathic Societies of this county. Dr. Gwynn has bought a fine residence at No. 13 Grover Street, where his office is located.

Dr. Gwynn was married August 31, 1892, to Miss May E. Merriam, daughter of Mr. Charles E. Merriam, of Albany, Vice-President of the Standard Wagon Company. Both Dr. and Mrs. Gwynn are supporters of the Central Presbyterian Church of which Mrs. Gwynn is a member. They have one child, a daughter Dorothy, born June 13, 1894.

During his residence in Auburn Dr. Gwynn has become known as one of the brightest physicians in the city, and by his genial manners and kindly courtesy has endeared himself to all classes of people.

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**A**BRAM SPOORE, one of the oldest citizens of the town of Ira, and a prominent member of the agricultural community, is widely and favorably known throughout this section of Cayuga County as an upright, honest man, of sterling worth, and a worthy representative of those courageous pioneers who settled in the county in the days of its infancy. He has witnessed



wonderful changes during his sixty-eight years of residence here. In his boyhood days school-houses, churches, costly residences, and substantial barns were conspicuous only by their absence. Neither railways nor telegraph or telephone lines spanned these broad acres, and few, if any, evidences of civilization existed; while now flourishing towns and cities and magnificent agricultural regions have usurped the place of the forest, and the fertile acres round about yield abundantly and to spare. In this grand transformation Mr. Spooore has taken an active part, spending many of the best years of his useful life in redeeming from the wilderness a portion of this beautiful country. Little do the people of this day and generation realize what they owe to those brave spirits of old, who first uprooted the trees, ploughed the sod, and made a broad track for the advance of civilization.

Mr. Spooore is a native of York State, his birth having occurred in Guilderland, Albany County, March 8, 1820, and his parents being Joseph and Margaret (Wormer) Spooore, both of whom were born in the same county. Abram Spooore, the grandfather, was one of the earlier settlers of Albany County, where he was engaged in farming until his death at a ripe old age. His wife preceded him to the better land, dying in middle life. They reared a family of eight children, all of whom are deceased.

Joseph Spooore grew to manhood in his native county, and there learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed in his younger days. In 1826 he came to Cayuga

County, bringing his wife and children with him, and settled in the town of Ira. He first bought fifty acres of timbered land, on which there were no improvements, and, after erecting a log house, began the clearing of a farm. His earnest labors were rewarded; and in the course of time he added to his landed possessions, until he owned one hundred and eighteen acres of good land, a large portion of which he succeeded in clearing. He was one of the honorable and upright citizens of the town, a farmer of much ability, and rendered material assistance in the development and advancement of this locality. He was born in the year 1795, and lived to the age of nearly ninety, passing away in 1884. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1799, died in 1883. They reared a family of six sons and three daughters, seven of whom are now living, namely; Abram; Cornelius, who resides in Illinois; David, a resident of California; Francis F., a resident of Iowa; Maria, the wife of M. Goff, of St. Paul, Minn.; Susan, who married M. B. Clum, also of St. Paul; and Eliza A., the wife of A. Coppernaugh, of Baltimore, Md. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spooore were members of the Church of the Disciples. Politically, he was a Republican, and held various town offices.

Abram Spooore, of whom we write, was but six years old when he came with his parents to this town, and during the days of his youth and early manhood performed much of the pioneer work of clearing the old homestead, which has since come into his possession. He lived with his parents until thirty years of



age, when he bought thirty acres of the home farm, to which he soon added twenty acres, and, having that under good cultivation and yielding profitable harvests, was encouraged to purchase more land; and his property now includes one hundred and fifty-one acres of choice land, on which he has made all of the improvements. He has a good residence and comfortable and convenient farm buildings, everything about the premises indicating the care and supervision of an excellent manager, and a thorough-going and enterprising farmer.

Mr. Spore was married July 16, 1851, to Marcia G. Woolford, who was born in the town of Conquest, September 7, 1828, a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Larue) Woolford, both of whom were natives of Schoharie County, New York. Mr. Woolford was a farmer by occupation, and one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Conquest, where he and his wife spent their declining years, he dying at the age of seventy-five, and she at the age of seventy-six years. Of their eleven children who grew to maturity seven are now living, as follows: Daniel, a resident of Conquest; Maria, the wife of A. Ladue, of Montezuma; Elsie, who married James Van Wickle, of New Jersey; Abigail, the wife of Almon Daniels, of Indiana; Martha, who married J. P. Cook, of Michigan; Sarah, who married William Wilson, and resides in Nebraska; and Marcia G., Mrs. Spore. The family circle of Mr. Spore and his pleasant wife was completed by the birth of ten children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Mary, the wife of C. Goodfellow, of Catoville;

Susan M., the wife of John Parker, also of Catoville; Martha, who married A. Morrell, of the town of Cato; Kate C. and Carrie A., both at home; Laura, the wife of S. Reynolds, of Catoville; Charles A. and Walter, both at home; Rosalia A., who married William Taylor, and died at the age of thirty-four years; Lizzie, who died at the age of eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Spore are genial and agreeable people, and enjoy to the utmost the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They are a generous and hospitable couple, extending a hearty welcome to the stranger at their gates, and ever mindful of the needs of the poor and afflicted. They are liberal in their religious beliefs, and exert a beneficent influence in their community. In politics Mr. Spore is a sound Democrat.

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**D**R. SHELDON VOORHEES, one of the most prominent and active practitioners of Auburn, was born in the town of Glen, Montgomery County, N.Y., February 8, 1852, a son of Isaac Newton and Maria (Enders) Voorhees. Isaac Voorhees was born in the year 1810, and is of Holland stock. He is still living in the vicinity of his old home. The grandfather, John Voorhees, was one of the old pioneers of Montgomery County. The family are descendants of the well-known Voorhees family of New Jersey, who were residents of that State for some time previous to Revolution-



ary days. Upon removing to Montgomery County, they engaged in farming, cultivating their extensive lands with much success. Mrs. Maria (Enders) Voorhees came from the Schoharie Valley, which was a noted Dutch settlement. She is still living, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees have been married over half a century, celebrating the anniversary of their golden wedding several years ago.

Dr. Sheldon Voorhees was educated in the common school, afterward attending Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, and, upon finishing his course there, taught school for one term at a little town called Stone Arabia, in Montgomery County. His desire being to enter the medical profession, he studied in the office of Dr. William H. Robb, of Amsterdam, afterward proceeding to Albany, where he placed himself under Drs. Vanderveer and Snow, attending lectures at the Albany Medical College for three years, from which he was graduated in 1879. After successfully passing a competitive examination, he spent a year and a half in the Albany Hospital, serving six months as Junior, six months as Senior, and the same period as Resident Physician, leaving the hospital in the fall of 1880. He then went to New York, and took a post-graduate course in the Medical Department of Columbia College, graduating from that institution in May, 1881, and locating in the city of Auburn on the second day of July of the same year. To his practice, which is a large and lucrative one, Dr. Voorhees is devoted, and well deserves the reputation which

he enjoys of being one of the most skilful and faithful physicians in the city of Auburn.

Dr. Voorhees was married April 26, 1882, to Miss Eliza Van Alstyne, of Richmondville, N.Y.; and to them two children have been born — Mabel and James. Dr. and Mrs. Voorhees are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Voorhees's office and residence are at No. 88 North Street, where he has resided since 1883. He is a prominent member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, having served as Secretary for two terms. He is now for the second term filling the office of Master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M.

HIRAM TITUS, a public-spirited and esteemed citizen of Aurelius, Cayuga County, is the proprietor of a well-kept and well-appointed farm in this town, which has been his abiding-place the greater part of his life. He was born on January 25, 1827, in Dutchess County, and is a lineal descendant of an English family, who emigrated to New England in early Colonial days, and settled in Connecticut, where his great-grandfather Titus was born. Gilbert Titus, the next in line, was a native of the Empire State, born just across the line from Connecticut, in the settlement known as Quaker Hill. He married Jane Hoag; and both spent their entire lives in Dutchess County, being numbered among the worthy Quakers of that place.

David S. Titus, son of Gilbert and father of Hiram, was born in La Grange, Dutchess



County, and received a good common-school education in the place of his nativity, becoming also familiar with the labors of the farm during his youthful days. When beginning life for himself, he started out as a butcher, carrying beeves and poultry to New York City. Afterward he opened a store for the sale of general merchandise in La Grange, operating it about a year. Going thence to Poughkeepsie, he bought a shop, and for eight years conveyed passengers and freight from that place to New York City, being also connected with the grocery business. Soon afterward he married; and, desirous of making a permanent home for himself and family, he made a prospecting trip to Cayuga County, performing the journey in a one-horse lumber wagon. Being favorably impressed with the country, two years later he moved his family and all of his worldly effects, among the latter being a negro slave, to Cayuga, coming from Montezuma by way of the canal, and from there by wagon. On his arrival he opened the tavern now known as the Titus House, conducting it several years. In his capacity of "mine host" he entertained many distinguished guests, who became his life-long friends, notable among the number being William H. Seward and Judge Folger. Mr. Seward became the final owner of the negro, who for many years was his faithful coachman. David S. Titus was familiarly known throughout this vicinity as Major Titus, having won his title by holding that office in a training regiment of his district. For three years he acted as Collector of Tolls on the

canal at Montezuma. his wife and his son Hiram taking charge of the tavern during his absence. He subsequently purchased a farm, which is now occupied by his youngest son; and here he spent his last years, dying January 24, 1880. The maiden name of his wife was Julia A. Coapman; and to them were born four children: namely, Hiram, Josephine E., Julia A., and David S. Titus.

Hiram, who was the eldest son, obtained his elementary education in the district schools of Cayuga, supplementing it by attendance at the Aurora Academy in 1837, and again in 1843 and 1844. After completing his education, his first employment was in the office of the Canal Collector, where he remained two years. He then acted as bank agent for one year, after which he returned to the farm. Attacked by the gold fever, in company with a farm laborer he started for California, buying his ticket from New York to San Francisco, via Cape Horn, on a sailing-vessel. Leaving home in high spirits, he arrived in New York safely, only to learn that the vessel had sailed two days before. In those days railroads across the continent had not even been thought of. Mr. Titus came back to the farm, resumed his agricultural labors, and has continued in his independent occupation to the present day, with the exception of two years, from 1867 to 1869, when he was Toll Collector on the Canal.

In 1855 Mr. Titus took one of the most important steps in his career, being then united in marriage to Susan M. Cook, the daughter of John J. and Hicks (Hopy) Cook. Their



union has been blessed by the birth of four children, the following: Julia, the wife of Coral D. Nutt, of Union Springs, who has one child, Harry H.; Kate E., who married Augustus Dunckel, of Cayuga, and has one child; Irene; Hiram M., who married Ada, the daughter of John and Margaret J. (Flynn) Shoemaker, of Aurelius, and has two children, Glenn and Ray.

Mr. Hiram Titus is a man of mark and of recognized worth as a citizen, his business ability being unquestioned, and his character irreproachable. In local affairs he takes a genuine interest, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents in the various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, having been Highway Commissioner for nine consecutive years, besides filling the offices of Inspector of Elections, Assessor, and School Committee. Socially, he is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, which he joined in 1848. In politics he has always affiliated with the Democratic party.

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**F**AYETTE B. PHILLIPS, of the firm of Robinson & Phillips, prominent general merchants of Fair Haven, was born in the town of Wolcott, February 25, 1853, and is a son of William W. and Hannah (Van Fleet) Phillips. The father came to Wolcott when a young man, and engaged in farming. For nine years he served as Assessor, occupying that position at the time of his death. He was also Highway Commissioner for some

years, and one of the most prominent and progressive men of the town. His wife was born in the town of Owaseo, and was a daughter of John M. Van Fleet, one of the early settlers of Wayne County. Mr. Phillips died in 1876, and Mrs. Phillips in 1889. They were the parents of four children, namely: Fayette B.; Mary E., wife of M. B. Turner, of Wolcott; John M., also a resident of Wolcott; and William E., of Bridgeport, Conn. The family are of New Jersey Dutch descent, and are members of the Old Reformed church.

Fayette B. Phillips received his education at the district school of the town, and at Red Creek Academy, afterward being engaged in teaching and farming in Wayne County, pursuits which he followed until entering mercantile business. In 1879 he came to Fair Haven, and bought an interest in the present firm, which at that time included a grocery stock, a few drugs, and a very limited stock of dry goods, with a small store. The firm afterward bought a lot on the corner of Main Street and Francher Avenue, where they built a fine store, eighty by twenty-nine feet, which they occupy themselves, carrying a heavy line of dry goods, groceries, drugs, crockery, carpets, etc. They do a very extensive business, their trade being by far the largest of any store in the northern part of the county. They also as a firm own a number of houses and lots at Fair Haven, and are justly considered as being among the most successful business men of the county.

Mr. Phillips has been President of the village board, President of the school board, and



Supervisor, being the only Democratic supervisor elected in the town for twenty-nine years. While holding that office, he was a member of the equalization and other committees. He has been superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school for the past thirteen years, still holding that office, and is a member, as is also his wife, of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is Trustee. At the time of its erection he was Treasurer of the Building Committee. On the 5th of April, 1894, he received his appointment as Collector of Customs of the port of Fair Haven.

Mr. Phillips was married September 2, 1875, to Miss Clara M. Hyde, daughter of Alanson and Matilda Hyde, of Victory, this county. Four children have been the fruit of this union — Iva Belle, William H., Carl, and Walter P. Mr. Phillips worthily enjoys the reputation of being one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of Fair Haven, having filled the many honorable positions to which he has been elected with credit to himself and satisfaction to all. He has built a beautiful residence on Main Street, which is essentially a home of culture and refinement.

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**W**ILLIAM SLADE, JR., a well-known attorney-at-law of Niles, Cayuga County, N. Y., was born in that town, October 19, 1840. His father, also named William, was born in 1800 in the town of Sempronius. The grandfather, Peleg Slade, Jr., was born at Swansea, Mass., September 25, 1771, the great-grandfather, Peleg, Sr., being also a

native of Massachusetts. He married Miss Mary Chace, who died September 13, 1838, aged ninety-six, leaving five sons and four daughters. Peleg Slade, Sr., died in 1813, aged eighty-four.

Peleg Slade, Jr., was a hatter, having learned his trade at Providence, R. I. He came to Cayuga County with his parents in 1798, settling at Sempronius, where he bought four hundred acres of timber land, which he cleared and cultivated, building a log house, and in a few years erecting a fine frame house. He afterward resumed his trade as a hatter, which he followed for a number of years. He died on his farm in 1868, in his ninety-eighth year, having lived for seventy years under the same roof, his being the first death to occur in the house. He married Miss Betsy Bassett, a native of Worcester, Mass., by whom he had eight children, four sons and four daughters.

William Slade, the father of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the district schools and also at a select school at Moravia. He taught school for three terms, and, when eighteen years old, came to Kelloggsville, and entered the employment of John Fuller, a merchant, occupying the position of clerk from 1818 to 1825. Upon the death of Mr. Fuller Mr. Slade bought the business, which he carried on for fifty years. He became involved in a disastrous speculation, however, by which he lost fifty thousand dollars. He died April 4, 1868, aged eighty-six years. He married Miss Sallie Kennedy, of Niles, a daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Cogswell)



Kennedy. They reared eight children—Mary, William, Esther, Amelia, Dolpha, Fennimore, Charles, and Adelaide.

William Slade, Jr., was educated in the district schools and the Moravia and Homer Academies. At the age of nineteen he commenced the study of law with Judge C. C. Dewitt and William F. Hughitt, of Auburn. He remained in their office a year and a half, and then attended the Albany Law School, from whence he was graduated in the class of 1862. In May of that year he was admitted to practice at the bar in this State, coming to Kelloggsville, where he commenced practice, continuing to the present time. Mr. Slade is Justice of Sessions, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for twelve years. He has always been an upholder of the Democratic party, casting his first Presidential vote for McClellan. He has never married, but, with two of his sisters, occupies the old homestead. Mr. Slade is thoroughly versed in the intricacies of the law, having conducted and won many important suits, and has been associated in practice with some of the ablest lawyers in the county. He occupies the honorable position of Justice with credit and dignity, his decisions being uniformly just.

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**D**AVID M. HORTON, noteworthy for his good citizenship and many excellent traits of character, is a prosperous farmer, pleasantly located on his comfortable homestead in the town of Throop. He was born in the old town of Brutus,

Cayuga County, June 13, 1819, the descendant of a well-known pioneer of that place, his grandfather, Benjamin Horton, having been among its earliest settlers. The latter, leaving his home in Morristown, N.J., accompanied by Benjamin Miller, an old Revolutionary pensioner, drove across the country to Cayuga County. Buying two hundred acres of land in Aurelius, he cleared an opening, and, building a log house, moved into it with his family. The land was in its primitive condition, its dense growth of timber being inhabited by the wily red man and the wild beasts of the forest, neither, however, proving at all troublesome. Working with indomitable perseverance and a resolute will, he improved a fine homestead, and gave material aid in advancing the growth of the town. Here he and his wife, whose maiden name was Hopkins, passed happy and contented lives; and here both died.

David Horton, father of our subject, was born during the residence of his parents in Morristown, N.J. His education was acquired in the district schools of Throop; and, as soon as old enough to wield an axe or hoe, he began working with his father on the farm, remaining thus employed until the time of his marriage, when, his parents making a division of the property, the homestead was divided between their two sons, who paid their sisters their portion. The maiden name of the wife of David Horton was Irene Spencer; and to her were born the following children: Gideon, Benjamin, Eliphus, David M., Nathaniel T., and Harriet.



David M. Horton was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, attending the public schools of Sennett, and assisting in agricultural pursuits on the home farm. He has continued in his early occupation to the present time, his long and varied experience in practical farming making him an authority in all departments of agriculture. Desiring still larger revenue, about sixteen years ago he began dealing in coal and phosphate, and now carries on a lucrative business in that line in addition to farming. His labors have always proved remunerative, his land being in an excellent state of cultivation, the buildings in good repair, the conveniently arranged barn new, the farm well stocked, and everything about the place bespeaking the thrift and good management of the proprietor.

Mr. Horton was fortunate in securing for a life companion Lucy A. Lewis, the daughter of William R. and Charlotte Lewis, of Sennett. Their household circle has been enlarged and enlivened by the birth of four children; namely, Charlotte, Josephine, William L., and Hiram F. Charlotte, who is the wife of Leander J. Olmstead, of Des Moines, Iowa, has two children—Millard A. and Clarence; Josephine, who is the wife of J. M. Treat, of Auburn, has two children—Edna and Lulu. Hiram married Lucy M. Skeel. Mr. Horton is a man of sound views on the questions of the day, and takes an intelligent interest in the welfare of his community. In political

he supports the principles of the Dem-

ARTEMAS WARD, who materially assists in maintaining the reputation of Cayuga County as a superior agricultural and stock-raising region, is actively engaged in his chosen occupation in District No. 8 in the town of Scipio. Of this thriving town he has been a life-long resident, having been born here October 20, 1830. He is of excellent New England stock, his father, Hiram Ward, having been a native of the old Bay State. Abner Ward, the grandfather of our subject, removed from Massachusetts to Cayuga County in the early days of its settlement, when all travel and transportation were accomplished with teams, bringing his family and personal effects in wagons. He bought fifty acres of land in the town of Scipio, erected a frame house, and made valuable and important improvements, residing there the balance of his life. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

Hiram Ward accompanied his parents to this county, and in clearing the land and placing it under cultivation was of material assistance. With the energy and vigor of young manhood he felled the trees, uprooted the sod, and helped to sow the first seed and gather the first crops. He remained on the homestead as an assistant to his father, and on the death of the latter the farm came into his possession. He continued in the work already begun, and, as the years rolled by, bought more land, ere his death having one of the finest homesteads in the locality. He married Miss Susan Banks, of Scipio, and they reared a family of ten children, as fol-



lows: Samantha, Artemus, Edwin, Darwin, Hannah, Camelia Van Arsdale, Charles (deceased), George, William, and David.

Artemus Ward acquired his education in the district schools, beginning when very young to perform his share of the manual labor incidental to life on a well-kept farm. Becoming familiar with the theory and practice of agriculture, he has continued to follow this branch of industry throughout his life, having assisted on the paternal homestead for many years. In 1862 he and his brother Edwin bought a farm together, and for five years managed it with success. Mr. Ward subsequently returned to the old homestead, where he still lives, numbered among the prosperous and enterprising farmers of Scipio. He thoroughly identifies himself with whatever will promote the highest interests of this section of his native county, his liberality helping forward many schemes for its improvement and advancement. He is a Democrat at all times, and uniformly supports the principles of that party. In 1852 he cast his first Presidential ballot, voting for Franklin Pierce.

Mr. Ward was married in the year 1865, the ceremony that made Phœbe Ames his wife being performed on the twenty-eighth day of February. Mrs. Ward's parents were Orrin and Filey (Porter) Ames. Her paternal grandfather, Elijah Ames, was one of the original settlers of Cayuga County, and performed his full share of the pioneer labor required to develop its resources, and place it on an equal basis with its sister counties.

Mrs. Ward has well assisted her husband in all the cares and burdens of life, encouraging and counselling him in times of trouble, and has proved herself a true helpmate. She is a woman of high principles, and a conscientious member of the Baptist church.

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REV. DAVID M. VAN TUYL, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fair Haven, Cayuga County, is well known throughout the surrounding district as an earnest worker in all religious and charitable undertakings. He was born in Jerusalem, Yates County, September 2, 1848, and is the son of Silas H. and Maria F. Van Tuyl. Silas H. Van Tuyl was one of the old residents of Jerusalem, having come there when very young from near Ovid, in Seneca County. After receiving all the educational advantages the town then afforded, he bought a farm and spent the rest of his life in cultivating the soil. On February 23, 1836, he was married to Maria F. Randolph, who was born in Milo, Yates County, November 6, 1809, and died on February 2, 1890. In early life they were members of the Free Will Baptist church, but later joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and brought up their son in that faith.

The Rev. David M. Van Tuyl received his early education in the district school at Jerusalem, afterward going to Penn Yan Academy. From childhood he had shown a strong tendency to religious thought and feeling; and, while at Penn Yan, his constant wish was for



further study, which would prepare him to teach from the pulpit those truths of which he was so firmly convinced. Always keeping in mind the career for which he hoped, although shrinking from so great a responsibility as he knew to rest upon a minister of the gospel, at length he yielded to his convictions, and entered Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and after his course there joined the Central Conference, receiving his first appointment as supply at Breesport. This was in 1884; and he remained here until October 14, 1885, when he was appointed to the church in Logan. After a year of faithful service here Mr. Van Tuyl went to Wellsburg, where he remained three years, and where his ministry will be long remembered for the great awakening attending his efforts, which added about forty members to the church. In October, 1889, he was called to the church at Potter; and after four years' work he had the satisfaction of seeing the membership increased by seventy members, this increase being due to the eminently successful revivals carried on under his charge. The Methodist Episcopal church in Fair Haven has a membership of about one hundred and twenty-five, and in 1884 a fine new structure was built in one of the pleasantest locations of the town. To this church Mr. Van Tuyl was called as minister in October, 1893.

On January 2, 1872, the Rev. Mr. Van Tuyl was married to Mary E. Huff, of Jerusalem, Yates County, who was educated at Penn Yan Academy, and is a daughter of J. W. Huff, a farm owner, now of Penn Yan. They

have one child, Mary I. Van Tuyl, who has attended school at Keuka College and at Penn Yan Academy.

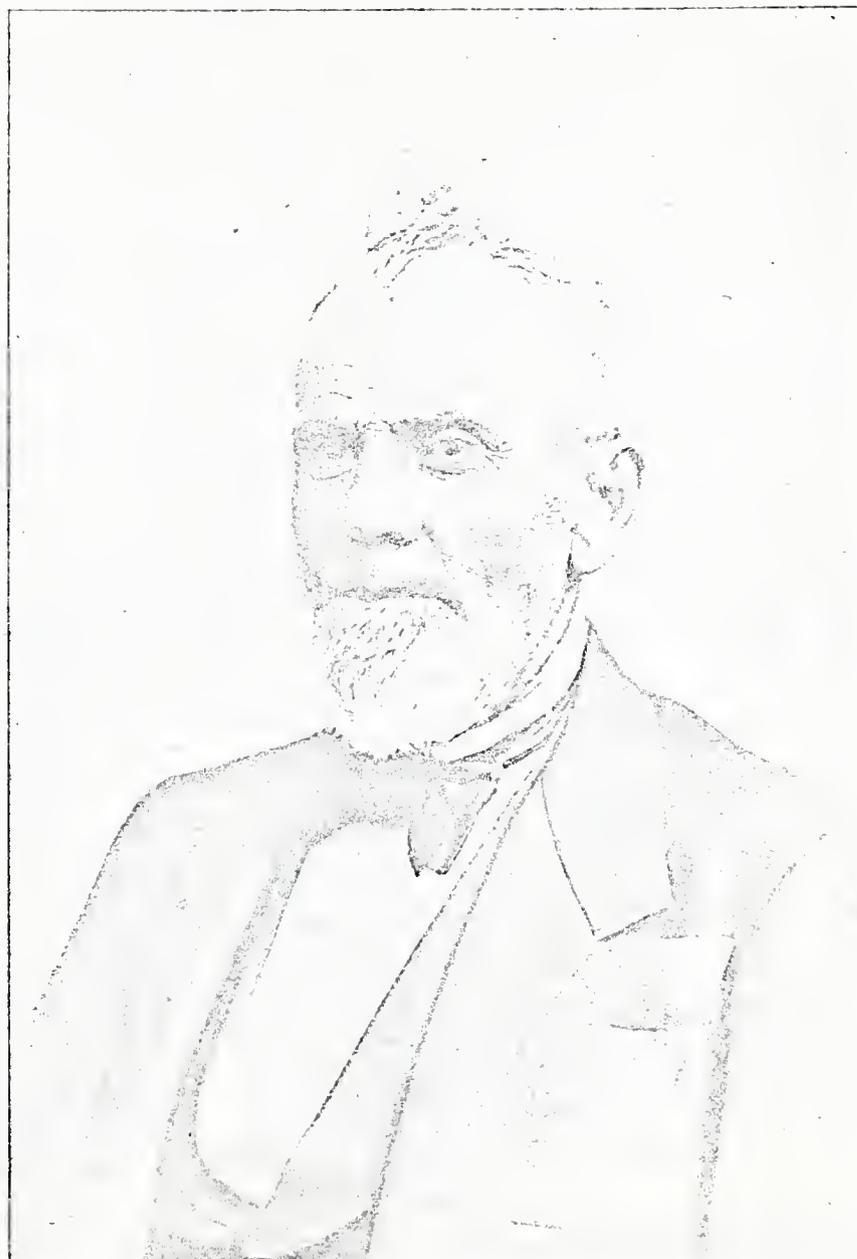
The Rev. David M. Van Tuyl is spoken of by brother ministers and all others who know him as a man of earnest convictions, strong character, and deep consecration, bound heart and soul to the work of the Christian ministry. He is an effective and pleasant speaker, both in the pulpit and out of it, and a firm friend and a wise counsellor to all who go to him for advice and consolation.

**G**EORGE B. ANDREWS, Sr., a hale and hearty man, who bears with ease and dignity his burden of eighty years, is the owner of a comfortable homestead, pleasantly located in Bethel Corners, in the town of Ira, where he has been successfully engaged in his useful calling for many years. He has been a resident of Cayuga County since thirteen years of age. As an important factor in the development of this part of the county, and in the advancement of its welfare, and as the son of one of its prominent pioneers, Mr. Andrews is specially deserving of honorable mention in this biographical review. He was born in Chatham, Columbia County, N.Y., February 28, 1814, son of Samuel and Margaret (Brown) Andrews, both of whom were born in the same town.

Samuel Andrews was reared to farming pursuits, and followed his chosen occupation in the town of his birth, combining with farming the business of a tanner until his removal



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to this county. In 1827 he bought eighty acres of land in Bethel Corners, and at once began thereon his pioneer labors. He also carried on his former trade of tanning, and met with success in both branches of industry. He was a gentleman highly respected in his community for his straightforward business ways, and soon became an influential member of society, and held several of the minor offices of the town. He took an intelligent and active interest in the educational and moral advancement of the town, and was a prime mover in the erection of the Methodist church, to which he gave the name of Bethel, and of which he and his wife were esteemed members. Politically, he was a representative Democrat. On the homestead which he built up he and his wife spent their last years, he dying when seventy-one years old, and she at the age of eighty-two years. They had a family of eleven children, of whom the following six are yet living, namely: George B.; John, a resident of Weedsport; Maria, who is the wife of Wait Hudgins, of Massachusetts; Mary, the wife of Edward Cleveland, of Oswego County, residing in the town of Hannibal; Margaret, who married Edward Dightman, of Red Creek, Wayne County; and Alzina, who married Martin Bryan, of Troy.

The first few years of the life of George B. Andrews, Sr., were passed in Columbia County, where he laid the foundation of his education, which was finished after his removal to this county. He remained under the parental roof-tree until attaining his ma-

ajority, assisting his father on the farm and in the tannery. Desirous of entering into business on his own account, when twenty-one years old he bought the tannery, and carried on a profitable business for several years. He subsequently turned his attention to agriculture, and after the death of his father bought the old home farm in the town of Ira, soon afterward adding twenty acres to the original farm by purchase, and has since been prosperously engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has bought and sold other land, and at one time his farm contained one hundred and forty acres. At present his homestead consists of ninety-seven and one-half acres of valuable land, from which he reaps abundant crops of grain and tobacco. He also supports a small dairy. He is a farmer of well-known ability, and his extended practical experience has made him an authority on this branch of industry. During his many years of pioneer life, the county having been new when he first came into it, he bravely and cheerfully labored, as soon as physically able, with the other early settlers of the place, and with them will leave footprints where coming generations shall follow with far less exertion, and with a far greater number of the comforts and luxuries of this world.

The marriage of Mr. Andrews with Clarissa Mason was solemnized on February 20, 1838; and their wedded life, which has been one of happiness and content, has been of longer duration than usually falls to mortals here below, having already extended over a period



of fifty-six years. Mrs. Andrews was born in the town of Schuyler, Herkimer County, November 10, 1817, being a daughter of Kingsley and Abigail (Ingham) Mason, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Herkimer County, New York. Mr. Mason was one of the early settlers of Cayuga County, and for some years was engaged as a miller in the town of Victory. He subsequently removed to the town of Brutus, where his death occurred August 7, 1835, when he was seventy-one years old. His wife, who died at the age of fifty-nine years, bore him five daughters, three of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. Andrews; Mrs. Sarah Giles, who resides in Battle Creek, Mich.; and Laura A., who lives in London, Can.

The household circle of Mr. Andrews and his wife was completed by the birth of seven children, namely: Mason G., a resident of Syracuse; Mrs. Mariette Phelps, of Auburn; George B., Jr., of Bethel Corners; Mrs. Eliza Brackett, who lives at home with her parents; Mrs. Abbie Lindsley, of Bethel Corners; Homer, who resides in Massachusetts; and Hulburt, who died at the age of thirty-six years.

George B. Andrews, Sr., is a man of prominence in the community where he has lived so many years, and has ever exerted his influence to advance the welfare of his town; and it was mainly through his efforts that the post-office of this Bethel Corners was established. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and a sturdy opponent of the liquor traffic in any form; and he and his good wife are sin-

cere Christian workers in the Methodist church of Bethel Corners, of which they are valued members. Mr. Andrews is not an office-holder. He was at one time elected Justice of the Peace, but did not qualify.

A portrait of this venerable and highly respected citizen is herewith presented.

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JOHN R. AUSTIN, an enterprising farmer of Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in that village, August 15, 1837, his father, John Austin, being a native of the same place. The grandfather, Henry Austin, was a native of Sheffield, Mass., but emigrated from that State in 1795, settling about one mile north of the town of Owasco, and where the village is now located, the old homestead being occupied by his grandson, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Austin died in 1829. His widow, whose maiden name was Prudence Ensign, died in 1845. They had the following children: Harriet, born August 16, 1792; Henry, October 20, 1794; Ebenezer E., May 2, 1796; Warren, March 8, 1798; Elisha S., November 7, 1800; Kellogg, July 18, 1802; Prudence, May 19, 1804; James, May 16, 1807; John, July 20, 1810. All of these have passed over to the silent majority.

The father of the subject of this notice was reared to agricultural pursuits, being with his father until the latter's death, when he succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead. He continued engaged in farming until his death, which took place September 26, 1886,



when he had attained the age of seventy-six years. He married Caroline Rooks, who was born in the village of Kelloggsville, a daughter of John Rooks, of Cheshire, N.H. Her mother was Phila Tuler. Mr. and Mrs. Austin reared three children — Mary Ann, Helen, and John R.

John R. Austin was educated in the district schools of Owasco, at Auburn, Skaneateles, and Cazenovia Seminary. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the ownership of the farm, which includes a fine brick residence and spacious barns, all fitted with the most modern improvements. He was married October 15, 1861, to Louise Prentice, who was born in Skaneateles, a daughter of Sumner and Phoebe (Kelly) Prentice. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have reared five children — Raymond, Frank R., Grace, Clara, and Clarence. Raymond is an architect, residing at South Bend, Ind. He married Miss Elsie Woodruff. Frank R. married Miss Bessie Earl, and makes his home with his parents. Grace became the wife of Albert Snowden; and they removed to Nevada, where her husband died, leaving her with one child — Minnie L. Both now make their home with Mr. Austin. The two younger members of the family, Clara and Clarence, are living at home. All are members of the Dutch Reformed church of Owasco.

Mr. Austin is a Democrat in politics, and in the spring of 1894 was elected to the office of Supervisor. He never sought public office in any way; but his name was taken up when he was on a sick-bed, and his popularity was

so great that he was elected without opposition. He is a model farmer in every sense of the word, being held in the highest esteem by his associates and townspeople.

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**W**ILLIAM W. WELLS. The town of Ira is a rich agricultural centre; and among the enterprising and self-reliant men who conduct its farming interests the subject of this sketch occupies no unimportant place. He was born in Cambridge, Washington County, N.Y., on December 6, 1820. His father, Sanford Wells, was a native of the same town; and his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Van Patten, was born in Schoharie County.

The Wells family are of English origin. The first of the name who emigrated to the United States settled in Connecticut, whence the great-grandfather of William removed to this State, becoming one of the early settlers of Washington County, where his son, Joseph Wells, was born. He was an earnest and honest tiller of the soil, spending the fifty-five years of his life in the place of his nativity, a respected and honored citizen. He was much interested in the cause of education and religion, and he and his family were active members of the Presbyterian church.

Sanford Wells, son of Joseph, was reared to manhood on his father's farm, and chose farming as his life occupation. After engaging in mixed husbandry for several years in the county of his birth, he came to the town of Ira in 1836, making the trip by means of the



canal and teams. Purchasing one hundred acres of land, on which the improvements were very few and of little account, with the assistance of his sons he improved a fine homestead, where he and his worthy wife spent their last years, he passing away at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife at the age of eighty-four. To them were born ten children, four of whom are now living, as follows: William W., above named; David, a farmer in Hannibal; Joseph, a farmer residing in Iowa; and Mrs. Charlotte Osborne, who resides in Oswego Falls, N.Y. They were numbered among the people of influence, and were important members of the farming community, ably assisting in the development of the town. In Mr. Sanford Wells the Democratic party had a stanch supporter. He was a member in good standing of the Presbyterian church, and his wife was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William W. Wells lived in Washington County until sixteen years of age, when he came with his parents to Cayuga County. He had already completed his education in the district schools of his native county; and, after coming here, he worked with his father several years on the homestead. At the age of twenty-one he started in life for himself, working at first by the month as a farm laborer, and afterward in a saw-mill, receiving thirteen dollars a month for his services. At the end of three years he had saved some money; and, following the example of his ancestors, he turned his face westward, going to the State of Illinois, and settling in Lake

County, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of wild prairie land, paying for it ten shillings an acre. The country was then new, and not a furrow had been turned on the land he purchased. But the soil was rich, yielding readily to cultivation; and in the course of a few years he possessed a fine farm. In 1856, having been twelve years from home, his heart yearned for the scenes of his earlier years; and, retracing his steps, he came to the town of Ira, where he bought the farm on which he now resides, and has since been extensively engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He pays especial attention to his dairy, having from twenty to thirty choice cows, and in all of his undertakings meets with excellent success. In the management of his agricultural interests he shows marked ability, and occupies a leading position among the prominent and prosperous farmers of Ira. His farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres is well cultivated and well improved, being furnished with an excellent set of farm buildings, and plenty of machinery of the most approved kinds, to carry on his work successfully. It is considered one of the most valuable in the locality.

Mr. Wells has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was united January 20, 1845, was Hester M. Prior. She was born in Onondaga County, being a daughter of Anthony Prior, a respected resident of that county, who was there engaged as a farmer and blacksmith. After her marriage Mrs. Wells accompanied her husband to Illinois, where she shared with



him the labors and discomforts of pioneer life; and gladly she returned with him to their former home. On October 4, 1890, she passed from earth, leaving five children, of whom the following is the record: Edward P., a farmer by occupation, lives at home. Willis M., a physician, resides at Oswego Falls. Hattie, who married John R. McGraw, a farmer, lives in Ira. Fred, a farmer, lives in Granby, Oswego County. Ellen M., the wife of Edwin Wilcox, resides in the town of Hannibal.

On November 11, 1891, Mr. Wells married Mrs. Maria Clapp, *née* Van Patten, who is a native of Ira, and is a daughter of Nicholas Van Patten. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have a cheerful and cosy home, where they enjoy the comforts with which they are surrounded, and where they gladly welcome their many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Wells is an esteemed and consistent member of the Methodist church. In politics he is a Republican, and is a strong advocate of temperance, being a Prohibitionist in principle.

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**R**ETUS JUMP, a well-known citizen of Cayuga County, was born October 11, 1827, his father and grandfather both having been life-long residents of Greenville, Greene County, N.Y. Horace Jump, the father, settled in Cayuga County in 1832, locating his home first at Bolt's Corner, finally moving to Genoa, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. He was united in marriage to Eunice Drake, the daughter of

William and Catherine (Ketchum) Drake, of Greene County, the following children being born to them: Calvia L., Charlotte G., Claudius, Netus, Charity N., Eunice, Susan M., John R. Calvin married, and left three children—Hiram, George, and Ida. Hiram married in Ohio, and is now a resident of Ledyard, this county. George married Miss D. Reamer, and resides at Five Corners, Genoa. Ida married James Deremer, also a resident of Genoa. Charlotte, the eldest daughter, married Hiram Phelps, and had four children—Calvin, William, Elizabeth, and Barbara, all of whom live in Ontario County. Charity, united in marriage to Daniel Merritt, is the mother of three children—Frances C., Lottie C., and Cluda C. Frances married Henry Purdy, of Genoa. Lottie is the wife of Isaac B. White, of Rochester, N.Y.

Claudius Jump has had an eventful and varied career. In the fall of 1851 he left his native place for California, going by steamer, via the Isthmus. He occupied himself in mining for two years, and then turned to farming, purchasing a farm of two hundred acres, which he cultivated with success. Later his attention was again directed to mining; and, selling his farm, he engaged in mining for six years. He subsequently kept a hotel for two years near Sacramento, and after a lapse of that time sold out and spent a year in Oregon, prospecting. He then travelled in Idaho, Washington Territory, and Montana. In the latter State he was for fifteen years engaged in farming, having there purchased a farm of



one thousand acres, fifty acres of it being good timber-land, situated on the easterly side of the Rocky Mountains. In 1892 Mr. Claudius Jump returned to Cayuga County after an absence of forty-one years, and has since resided at the farm of his brother, Netus, the subject of this sketch. Netus Jump received his education at the district schools of Scipio, Ledyard, and Genoa. He has always been engaged in the business of agriculture, and for more than forty years has owned and occupied a farm, which he bought in 1852, in Genoa, on the lake road, known as Jump's Corner. He rebuilt the house, and added a fine barn. The latter was destroyed by fire, but was at once rebuilt. Mr. Jump is an influential and esteemed resident of Genoa, and has held the office of Assessor and Inspector of Election Returns. He is also a member in good standing in the Masonic body, having represented his lodge at the councils of the Grand Lodge on several occasions, and is a member of the Grange. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, attending the Ferry Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Jump is a Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848.

The subject of this sketch is a fine example of the American yeoman. Leading a quiet and useful life on the farm, he has had neither time nor inclination to allow himself to be placed prominently in public affairs. He is a staunch friend to those who are worthy of his friendship, a true man in every sense of the word, and deservedly enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

CHESTER MORLEY, who occupies a foremost position among the worthy and respected citizens of the town of Cato, has spent the larger portion of his long and pleasant life within its boundaries, and since attaining manhood has been conspicuously identified with the best interests of town and county, generously using his influence to promote the public welfare. Mr. Morley was born in the town of Pompey, Onondaga County, on March 8, 1828. His parents, Chester and Ann (Sprague) Morley, both of whom were born in Connecticut, removed to Onondaga County a few years after their marriage, being among the original settlers of that county; but, after residing there awhile, they came to Cayuga County, and, settling in the town of Cato in 1832, thereafter, being people of rare intelligence and much interested in educational matters, took an active part in all enterprises tending to the advancement of this thriving town and to the enlightenment of its people. An extended sketch of the family ancestors, on both the maternal and paternal sides, is given in connection with the sketch of J. Sprague Morley, a brother of Chester Morley, which appears on another page of this volume.

Little Chester was about four years old when his parents removed to Cato, and the days of his youth following his brief remaining childhood were not days of idleness. He received ample opportunities for obtaining a common-school education; and, after finishing his studies, he spent many years in farm labor, and was an able assistant in the pioneer



work of clearing the homestead and placing its broad acres under cultivation. He has been for many years a resident of the village of Meridian, where he is numbered among the sound business men who are contributing so much toward its reputation as a desirable place of residence, both in a social and financial point of view. His excellent judgment and good common sense in the management of public affairs are recognized; and his estimable character, as well as his capability, has given him an important place in the community. For many years he has served as Town Clerk, a position which he still holds; and for sixteen years he was Postmaster in the village. In him the Republican party finds one of its most faithful allies, and he supports its principles by voice and vote. Religiously, he is an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1850 Mr. Chester Morley was united in marriage with Miss Amelia C. Palmeto, a native of Onondaga County, a daughter of Obadiah and Amanda (Wright) Palmeto, of Onondaga County, N.Y. This union was hallowed by the birth of three daughters and one son; namely, Alice V., Lillian A., Frank L., and Luella F. Mrs. Morley departed this life on January 31, 1891; and her mortal remains were laid at rest in the Meridian Cemetery.

**D**AVID Y. BOWER, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Aurelius, Cayuga County, was born in Springport, October 17, 1853. His father, the late David Bower, was born in Springport, May

18, 1820, and died in Aurelius, December 17, 1892. Michael Bower, father of David, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1784. When a young man, he came with his father to Tompkins County, New York, being among the early settlers of the place. He assisted in building the log house which was their first place of abode; and after the death of his father, which occurred in a short time, he went to live with an aunt, staying with her until his marriage. He then began life by purchasing thirty-five acres of land in Cayuga County in 1804, upon which he built a house and began the cultivation of the land. A few years later he moved to Springport, where he purchased the farm now owned by Jotham W. Shank. There he lived with his family for a number of years in true pioneer style, depending upon the productions of the soil and the game to be found in the forest for their subsistence, wearing garments of homespun, and teaming their surplus produce many weary miles to market, Albany being their most convenient trading-post, and the now prosperous city of Auburn being a little village, known as Hardenburg's Corners. Mr. Bower found his farm to be rich and productive, yielding him a good income; and on this land the Bower family claims the distinction of making the first discovery of plaster in this county. Here Michael Bower and his worthy wife, who was Elizabeth, daughter of John Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania, spent their declining years, she passing away September 9, 1881, he having preceded her many years, dying December 1, 1829.



David Bower, their son, was educated in the district schools of his native town, and after his father's death managed the homestead property for his mother for several years. At the age of twenty-four years he took unto himself a wife, and, desiring a home of his own, bought a tract of land containing eighty-five acres in the town of Springport, the land being known as the Rabbit Farm. He was an energetic, wide-awake man; and set to work with a will to improve his estate. He put a large part of the land under cultivation, erected a new house and all of the buildings that are now standing on the place.

Ten years later he sold that farm to his brother John, and purchased of Israel Shoemaker the homestead now occupied by his son, David Y. Bower, consisting at that time of one hundred and sixteen acres of land; but a few acres were afterward condemned and sold for railway purposes. Here he labored diligently and successfully, improving and beautifying his farm, which yielded him rich returns each year. He was a man of upright character, honest and firm in his convictions of justice, and was held in high regard by his fellow-townsmen. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in 1844, was Mary Yawger. She was a daughter of Peter and Cornelia (Mersereau) Yawger, of Cayuga County. To them were born the following children: Peter, Mary C., Mary E., David Y., Frances J., and Florence E.

David Y. Bower, who is probably indebted to his mother's family name for his middle initial, had very good educational advantages,

attending first the district schools, and afterward the Friends' Academy at Union Springs, N.Y. After completing his studies, he began working with his father on the home farm; and, finding that occupation congenial to his tastes, as well as profitable, he continued in it, renting the home place of his father on shares, and since the death of the father he has worked in the same way on shares for himself and the other heirs. He is a skilful and practical farmer, systematic and thorough in his methods, and is meeting with excellent success in his operations.

As a successful agriculturist, a trustworthy citizen, and a man of strict integrity and high moral principles, Mr. Bower has the respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, as did his father. He has never married; but the home is well presided over by his estimable sister, Florence E., who, with her family, lives on the homestead. She married Charles J. Shank, son of Jotham W. and Josephine (Titus) Shank; and they have two children—Florence M. and Charles J. Mr. Bower's sister Frances, who lives in Springport, married William H. Shoemaker, son of Michael and Abigail (Schenck) Shoemaker; and they have one child, a son, named Florian.

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**H**ENRY S. ANDERSON, an able representative of the horticultural and floricultural interests of Cayuga County, is a valued resident of Springport, where he has an extensive nursery, well filled



with a rare and choice collection of plants, roots, and bulbs, of both foreign and domestic culture. He is of New England ancestry, his paternal grandfather having been a life-long resident of Vermont, where his father, Dr. N. S. Anderson, was born, reared, and educated. After receiving his medical diploma from Burlington College, Dr. Anderson began the practice of his profession in his native State. Subsequently removing to the newer country of the West, he settled in Lockport, Ill., in 1840, and met with such flattering encouragement in his work that he continued there in the active duties of his profession until 1857, when he was drowned in the Illinois and Michigan Canal, while returning from a visit to a patient. He was a physician and surgeon of much repute in that locality; and his untimely death, while yet in his prime, being but forty-nine years of age, was a great loss to his community and to the profession at large. He married Emily Frary, the daughter of Asa Frary, of Freightsburg, Quebec; and they became the parents of four children, namely: Henry S., of Springport; J. De Witt, who is a resident of Abercorn, Quebec; and two sons who died in infancy.

Henry S. Anderson was born in Lockport, Ill., on February 5, 1852. He attended the public schools of Lockport, and after the death of his father removed to Montreal, Can., where his education was continued at the high school of McGill College of that city. Subsequently returning to the Prairie State, he lived two years in Lockport, finish-

ing his studies in the high school of that place, going thence to Lemont, where he was employed for a year and a half in a store of general merchandise. Being greatly interested in horticulture, and desirous of acquiring a practical knowledge of the art, Mr. Anderson then came to Geneva, N.Y., and, entering the employment of Pratt, De Witt & Co. in 1869, worked for them until they sold out to R. G. Chase & Co. in 1873, having made his way up to the position of foreman. Leaving Geneva in the spring of that year, Mr. Anderson accepted a similar position with the firm of Farley & Mersereau in Union Springs, representing the interests of the junior member of the firm. In the fall of 1874 he purchased an undivided half of the interest of Mr. Mersereau, and thus continued in the business until January, 1880, when he purchased the remaining half-interest, and the firm name was changed to Farley & Anderson. The business was now enlarged; and on January 1, 1881, Mr. Anderson bought out his partner's interest, Dr. Farley reserving to himself the importation of foreign stocks, in which he had spent great care and pains, having crossed the ocean fourteen times in making his importations. On the death of Dr. Farley Mr. Anderson engaged in the importation of nursery stocks; and in the interest of this department of his business he has crossed the Atlantic ten times, visiting France, England, Scotland, Holland, and Belgium, bringing to this country an extensive collection of fruit and ornamental trees. His nursery contains about forty acres, all of which he util-



izes in his work of raising flowers, fruits, and general nursery stock. Mr. Anderson is a man of rare business ability; and this, combined with his close application to his favorite industry, has placed him among the leading nursery men of the Empire State, which is noted throughout the length and breadth of the country as the home of extensive nurseries.

The marriage of Mr. Henry S. Anderson with Miss Carrie Farley, daughter of Dr. H. H. and Susan (Legore) Farley, was solemnized in 1878; and of their union two children have been born—Charles D. and Susie F. Anderson. Mr. Anderson takes a deep interest in promoting the welfare of the town and county, encouraging all enterprises tending to benefit the public. He served on the Town Committee for several years, and was elected Supervisor last spring, under the new law, for two years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Warren Lodge, No. 147, and Union Springs Chapter, No. 179, R. A. M., of Union Springs, and to the A. S. Rites of Auburn. Mr. Anderson is a strong Republican, being a firm believer in the principles supported by that party, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1876, for Rutherford B. Hayes.

**W**ILLIAM F. HUGHITT, attorney and counsellor-at-law, and ex-Judge of the Cayuga County Court, was born at Genoa, N.Y., October 22, 1832, the son of Orin and Harriett (Wilbur) Hughitt. The Hughitt family were among the original set-

tlers of this county, Orin Hughitt coming with his father Oliver previous to 1800, when they cleared land and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Oliver Hughitt was an active participant in the War of 1812, serving in the operations on the frontier, near Niagara. After the Civil War Orin Hughitt removed to Auburn, where he died. The maternal grandfather, William Wilbur, was a member of the Albany Assembly, serving two terms. He fought for the defence of his country in the War of 1812.

William F. Hughitt was educated at Genoa Academy, afterward proceeding to Amherst, where he was graduated with the degree of B.A. in the class of 1855. He then read law with the firm of Underwood & Avery, and was admitted to the bar in 1857, at the Rochester general term. He immediately came to Auburn, and commenced practice for himself, in which he has been highly successful. He has held several minor offices, giving general satisfaction. In November, 1863, he was elected to the responsible position of County Judge, entering on that office in January, 1864, and served in this capacity two terms of four years each under the old constitution, and one term of six years under the new, making fourteen years of continuous service. He then continued practice, to which he has since given most of his attention. He has also been prominently identified with different manufacturing concerns in Auburn.

He was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Milliken, who is a native of Genoa, where she was reared. Three children are the offspring



of this union, namely: Fred E., who is an attorney, and has been associated with his father in business since 1881; Emma, wife of J. B. Houston; and a younger daughter, Miss Carrie Hughitt.

Judge Hughitt enjoys the reputation of having been one of the best County Judges Auburn ever had, and during his long occupancy of that responsible office was known as a wise and impartial dispenser of justice. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, and for many years has served as Elder.

**J**OHNS S. AUSTIN, a highly respected farmer of Sennett, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in that town, July 23, 1835, and is the son of E. Sedwick Austin, a native of Owasco, Cayuga County. The grandfather, Henry Austin, was born at Sheffield, Mass., emigrating from there to New York State in 1795, and settling in the town of Owasco, which was situated in the depths of the wilderness. He bought land, which he cleared, and erected a log house, which was afterward converted into a commodious frame one. He died in 1829. He married Miss Prudence Ensign, who survived him sixteen years, dying in 1845.

E. Sedwick Austin, the father of John S., was educated in the district schools, and was brought up to farming. He remained on the homestead until his twenty-sixth year, when he came to the town of Sennett, and bought a tract of land in lots Nos. 31 and 21, and, adding to his property, was at one time the

owner of over four hundred acres. He was Supervisor of the Town, an office which he held very acceptably. He was the architect of his own fortune, and by honest dealing, prudent management, and indefatigable industry, accumulated a large property. He occupied an honorable position among the leading men of his town, and by his uniform kindness and genial ways possessed the confidence and esteem of all. His last days were spent on the farm, where he died September 6, 1880. He was married first, January 27, 1824, to Abigail, daughter of Elder Elkannah Comstock, by whom he had one child, Martha, who was born November 23, 1825. His second marriage took place June 17, 1829, Miss Harriet Harvey, a native of Marcellus, Onondaga County, and a daughter of Medad and Anna (Buell) Harvey, becoming his wife. By this union there were four children, namely: Harvey, born June 7, 1830; Abigail, born August 23, 1832, died December 5, 1836; John S., born July 23, 1835; and Sanford, born August 23, 1838. Harvey Austin married Margaret L. Wright, of Elbridge, Onondaga County.

John S. Austin was educated in the district schools, also attending the academy at Homer. He remained at home on the farm until his twenty-fourth year, when his father gave him fifty acres of land a short distance from the old homestead. He has since added considerably to this, and now owns one hundred and thirty-nine acres of the best land in the county, having fine farm buildings with all modern improvements.



Mr. Austin was married October 19, 1859, to Ruth A. Sunderlin, a daughter of Horace and Margaret (Glass) Sunderlin, of Sennett, two daughters being the fruit of the union, namely: Frances Harriet, who was married January 11, 1894, to Wilbur M. Howe, of Weedsport; and Grace Margaret, who is at home with her parents. Mr. Austin and his family are members of the Baptist church of Sennett. He is a Democrat in politics, but, his time being fully taken up with agricultural pursuits, has never sought any public office. He is well and favorably known as a cultured and genial man, an industrious and persevering farmer, and the worthy son of a worthy sire.

**S**ETH R. WEBB, one of the oldest native-born citizens of Cayuga County, is an honored representative of the early pioneers of this section of our beautiful country, and a true type of the energetic, hardy, and enterprising men who have actively assisted in the development of this fertile and productive agricultural region. In the days of his boyhood the wild beasts of the forest had not fled before the advancing steps of civilization, but, with the dusky savage, habited the vast wilderness. The beautiful city of Auburn was then a small hamlet, with few habitations; and the adjacent towns and villages have all been built under his observation. In this development Mr. Webb has taken an important part, and by his sagacity and keen foresight has at the same time been enabled to accumulate a very considerable

fortune. He was born in the old town of Scipio, October 8, 1810, and is a son of Stephen and Anna (Lyon) Webb, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, the father having been born in the town of Stamford, and the mother in Greenwich.

Stephen Webb, Sr., the paternal grandfather of our subject, was an old soldier of the Revolutionary War, as was Caleb Lyon, his maternal grandfather; and from these two heroic patriots Seth Webb must have inherited his patriotism, integrity, and many other noble traits of character. Both were numbered among the original settlers of Cayuga County, and after their arrival here returned not to the homes of their youth, but out of the dense forests of this region established for themselves permanent homes in this vicinity.

In some respects their lives were nearly identical: both were representative men of their times, both lived to the age of fourscore years, and both spent their declining years in this county, Mr. Webb dying in the town of Scipio. He reared a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters. The family circle of Mr. Lyon included eleven children, of whom seven were sons.

The father of our subject, Stephen Webb, Jr., first visited this county in 1794, but after a short stay returned to the State of his nativity, and the following year again came to this locality, bringing his family and all his possessions with him. The trip was made in wagons, and consumed twenty-two days, their course being marked by blazed trees. He located in the old town of Scipio, where he



bought one hundred and seventy-five acres of wild land, from which not a tree had been felled. With an energetic spirit and a pioneer's axe he began the clearing and improvement of a homestead. In addition to his labors on the farm he also engaged in blacksmithing, a trade which he had learned in his younger days, and which he found quite profitable. The people of those days lived in a very primitive manner, with few modern conveniences. Travelling was mostly performed on foot or horseback; and in this way he had to go to mill, twelve miles distant, to get a little meal ground. Mr. Webb improved a goodly portion of his land; but, ere he reached the meridian of life, he was called from the scenes of his earthly labors, his death occurring on the home farm in April, 1821. His good wife survived him nearly half a century, dying at the home of her daughter in January, 1870, in the ninety-first year of her age. Of the seven children born of their union the following are now living: Seth R.; David, who is a resident of the village of Moravia; and Lydia, the wife of James C. Sayre, of Marcellus, N.Y.

Seth R. Webb grew to manhood in the town of Venice, and received a liberal education, attending first the district schools, and afterward the Auburn Academy. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been engaged the larger part of his active and useful life, although in his earlier years he was for a time employed as clerk in a store in Auburn. In 1839 Mr. Webb bought

the farm where he now lives, moving onto it the following year. It contains one hundred and seventy-four acres of as fine farming land as can be found in this locality, and under his intelligent management has been highly cultivated and improved. He is a systematic and thorough farmer, and everything about his premises indicates the existence of cultivated tastes and ample means. His farming implements are of the most improved pattern, and everything is in keeping with the appliances of a first-class agriculturist. He possesses great mechanical talent, and can turn his hand to good advantage in many directions, and in his shop does a great deal of the necessary repairing of tools and machinery.

Mr. Webb possesses a vast fund of general information, and, being a fluent and ready conversationalist, is most entertaining and interesting. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and has served his fellow-townsmen in many responsible positions, and always to the utmost satisfaction of all concerned. As Justice of the Peace for a period of eight years, his decisions were always tempered with wisdom and justness. He has filled the office of School Collector some years, and has been Clerk in his school district since 1840, a position which he still holds, having filled the office for a longer period of time than any other man. His religious opinions coincide with the doctrines taught in the Methodist Episcopal church, although he is not a church member. Socially, he is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M. That Mr. Webb bears so well and easily the burden of



his years, his physical health being good, and his intellect as brilliant and vigorous as in days of yore, may be partially attributed to his freedom from domestic cares and tribulations, he never having become a benedict.

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**H**ENRY SHELDON McARTHUR, Justice of the Peace and Deputy Postmaster of Fair Haven, was born in the town of North East, Dutchess County, N.Y., October 14, 1835, and is a son of Arthur and Catherine (Weaver) McArthur. The father was born near North East in 1805, and was a prominent farmer of that place. In 1837 he removed from there to Victory, where he purchased a farm, following agricultural pursuits there and in Conquest until the time of his death, in 1857. Mrs. McArthur was born at Pine Plains, Dutchess County, N.Y., September 15, 1805, the daughter of Henry Weaver, a prominent farmer. Her grandfather, Peter Weaver, was of German nationality, and a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Mrs. McArthur died July 20, 1892, leaving one son, Henry S. The ancestors on the paternal side were of Scotch descent, the grandfather, Reuben McArthur, coming from Scotland with his father, Duncan, and settling near Copake, Columbia County.

Henry S. McArthur was brought by his parents to Victory when he was but two years old. He received a good education in the schools of that town, and was engaged in teaching in both Wayne and Cayuga Counties until 1860, when he commenced to learn the

trade of carpenter. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Santa Rosa Island, remaining there for six months during the bombardment of the forts, afterward being sent to Camp Kearney at New Orleans. The regiment then went to Donaldsonville, where Taylor was forced to retreat, and later participated in the fight with the gunboat "Cotton" on the Teche River and Bayou. The next battle was at Camp Bisland. The regiment then went to Alexandria and around to Port Hudson. The next engagement was that of the Sabine Pass in Texas, where Mr. McArthur volunteered to go on the gunboat as a sharpshooter, when he was taken prisoner, being confined for ten months in various prisons. He was captured September 8, and exchanged July 10th following. The regiment then went to Cotton Press Barracks for four weeks, where he obtained a furlough of thirty days, rejoining the army in the Shenandoah Valley, just in time to go to Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek, the latter being the last battle in which he participated, his time having expired two months previously. He was wounded on the gunboat "Clifton," and also at Cedar Creek. He went out as a private, was promoted to Orderly Sergeant, and previous to his capture had been recommended for a Lieutenant's commission.

After his return home Mr. McArthur engaged in farming, but removed to Fair Haven in 1878, and engaged in mercantile business. While a resident of Conquest, he was elected



Justice of the Peace for two terms of four years each, and is now holding his second term in Fair Haven. In 1890-91 he was elected Justice of Sessions. He has been in the post-office for nearly five years, taking charge of the office during all of Postmaster Mendall's term, and is now Deputy Postmaster under Mr. Bennett. Mr. McArthur is a member of Hudson Post, No. 159, Grand Army of the Republic, of Fair Haven, of which he is Post Commander, and a member of Fair Haven Lodge, No. 481, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand. He is also a member of Port Byron Lodge, No. 130, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church of Spring Lake.

Mr. McArthur enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellows to a high degree. He has filled the various positions to which he has been chosen with satisfaction to all and credit to himself, and is as exact and careful in all business details in civil life as he was during his army career.

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**H**ARRISON SCHENCK. In the annals of Cayuga County the name of Schenck occupies a prominent position, John and Ruloff Schenck having been among the original settlers of this section of the county, assisting materially in developing its agricultural, manufacturing, and financial resources. From John Schenck our subject is lineally descended, Jacob, the father of Harrison, having been among the younger of the

large family of children born to him and his wife. (For further ancestral history see sketch of Cyrus Schenck, which may be found on another page of this biographical work.)

Harrison Schenck, of whom we write, is a native of Cayuga County, having made his first entry upon the stage of life March 6, 1841, in the thriving little town of Springport. He attended the district schools during his boyhood, obtaining a good common-school education, and when at home assisted his father in the labors attendant upon an agricultural life, remaining under the parental roof-tree until ready to establish a home of his own. Then, buying a farm consisting of one hundred and six acres of rich and fertile land lying in District No. 7, he made haste to secure a companion to share his joys and sorrows, and in 1869 was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Sarah Meyers, daughter of Erastus and Harriet (Schenck) Meyers, of Springport. Of this union three children have been born; namely, Jefferson M., Mary B., and Albert H. The latter died at the age of eleven. Jefferson M. married Rosanna Webb, the daughter of James and Mary A. (Young) Webb, of Springport; and they have one child, Lee.

Mr. Schenck displays much ability and skill in his agricultural work, his farm being in an excellent state of cultivation; and the many improvements he has made since taking possession of it, including among others the erection of the commodious and conveniently arranged dwelling-house and the substantial barn and farm buildings, greatly enhance the



value as well as the beauty of the property. Among the live, energetic, and persevering business men of Springport, Mr. Schenck occupies an assured place, being intelligent and well informed, the possessor of excellent judgment and sound common sense, and ably performing his duty as a faithful citizen. In 1863 he was drafted into the army, but paid three hundred dollars for a substitute. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1864, General George B. McClellan being his favored candidate; and since that time he has been a staunch adherent of the Democratic party.

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**W**YATT A. BENHAM. The substantial and well-to-do citizens of Throop have no better representative than the gentleman of whom we write, who stands high among the keen, progressive, and business-like farmers who are so ably conducting the extensive agricultural interests of this part of Cayuga County. He is a native of New York, his birth having occurred December 15, 1833, in Tompkins County. He is a son of Asa B. Benham, who was born in Dryden, the same county. The grandfather, Isaac Benham was born and bred in Tompkins County, removing thence when a young man to Skaneateles, Onondaga County, where he engaged in mixed husbandry. After sojourning there for several years, he came to this county, and located in Auburn, where he spent his declining days. The maiden name of his wife was Baker; and they reared the following children: Vincent, Alan-

son, Asa B., Allan, Sarah A., Mary J., and Eunice.

Asa B. Benham was educated in the district schools of McLean and Dryden, and, when still in his minority, bought his time of his father, and, carrying out his long-cherished desire, fitted himself for a preacher of the gospel. Entering the Methodist Episcopal denomination, he preached in various places in this State for many years, laboring faithfully for the moral and spiritual good of the community in which he was located. In the later years of his life, feeling the need of a permanent home, he purchased a farm in Fleming, where he carried on light farming, at the same time supplying the pulpits of Fosterville and Cayuga, and subsequently that of Mentz. After a life of great usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord, he died in the town of Moravia in 1885. Ere he had attained his majority, he married Harriet Allen, daughter of Wyatt Allen, of Dryden, who lived but a few years, at her death leaving three sons—Wyatt, Vincent, and William, the latter being a Methodist minister, who has been honored with the degree of D.D. Mr. Benham formed a second matrimonial alliance, marrying Cynthia Harrington, who also bore him three children—Mary, Carrie, and Warren.

Wyatt A. Benham received an excellent education, and, after being graduated from the Auburn Academy, taught school for a time in the towns of Springport and Mentz. Preferring an industrial life on the farm rather than a professional career, he bought a



tract of land in Fleming, where he carried on general farming for three years. Selling that property, he came to Aurelius, and, buying a place near Auburn, remained there three years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Throop, and, buying the old Aaron Dixon homestead, has since been most successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. His untiring efforts and continued industry, combined with skill and practical judgment in conducting the labors of his farm, have met with a well-merited reward, his fine homestead, which originally consisted of one hundred acres of land, having been greatly enlarged by the purchase of other choice land, and his dwelling-house and farm buildings put in thorough repair, the whole being a credit to his energy and sagacity.

Mr. Benham was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Manro, daughter of Philip A. and Sybil (Roberts) Manro, both of whom were born in Elbridge, Onondaga County, but were afterward residents of Throop. Into the household thus established the following children were born: Manro A., who died at the age of seventeen years; Harriet A., who died when thirteen years old; William M.; George A.; and Thomas J., who married Minnie Bunn, of Throop. Mr. Benham is a man of broad and enlightened views, taking an intelligent interest in local and general affairs, and in his domestic relations is a considerate father and a devoted husband, while his neighbors invariably find him kind and helpful. He is a consistent member of the Exchange Street Methodist Church of Auburn; while

Mrs. Benham is a regular attendant of the Baptist church of Throop, of which she has been a valued member for many years. Politically, Mr. Benham is a true-blue Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont.

ISAAC O. BLAKE is an honored resident of the town of Ira, where he is busily engaged in farming pursuits. His grandfather, John E. Blake, settled here in the latter part of last century, when the country was in its original wildness, game of all kinds was abundant, and the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers. Neither canals nor railways had then been thought of; the roads were principally bridle-paths through the forests, and all transportation was with teams. Mr. Blake was a farmer; and, buying a tract of wooded land, he set manfully to work to clear a farm, and endured without a murmur the hardships incident to pioneer life. He died in the town of Ira, at the age of fourscore years. He married Eliza Gridley; and to them were born a family of seven children; namely, Parnie, Eliza, Norman, Warren, Jabez, Lydia, and John, all of whom are now deceased.

Norman Blake, the third child, was born in this county in the year 1800. He was bred to a farmer's occupation, and, after his marriage with Mary Ann Appleby, removed to Michigan, settling in Lenawee County, where he resided about six years. Coming back to the place of his nativity, he here resumed his agricultural labors. He was an honest, up-



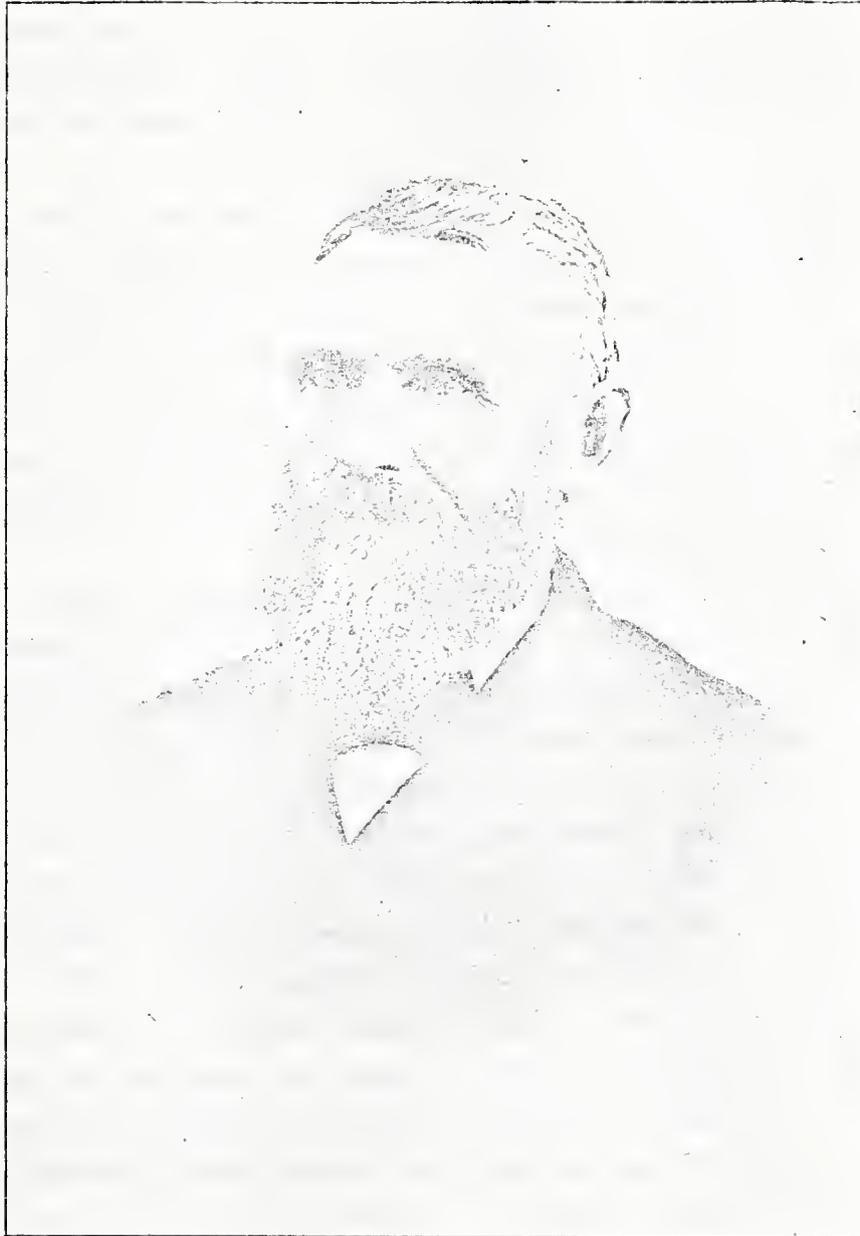
right man, faithfully performing his duties as a good citizen, and living in the town of Ira until his death, at the age of seventy-one years. Politically, he affiliated with the Republican party, and in religious matters was very liberal. His estimable wife, who preceded him to the better land, dying at the age of threescore years, was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Jabez and Isaac O., whose name heads the present sketch, are the only ones now living.

Isaac O. Blake was born in Lenawee County, Michigan, on February 11, 1832. He was very young when they returned to this county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the district schools of Ira and Lysander. He remained a member of the parental household until the time of his marriage, assisting his father and making himself generally useful. On February 22, 1853, he was united in wedlock with Angeline Southard, a native of the town of Ira, and a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Southard. Hearing glowing accounts of the fertility of the soil of the Prairie State, he removed to Illinois, and settled in the county of Whiteside, where he bought a farm of ninety acres, on which he lived for some time, finally selling that, and purchasing another farm in the same county. After residing there three years, he returned to the town of Ira in 1859. He here bought seventy acres of land, on which he lived several years, busily engaged in agriculture. Selling that

property, Mr. Blake then bought the adjoining farm, and, after carrying it on for a while, sold that, and purchased the homestead which he now occupies, to which he moved in 1870. His farm contains one hundred acres of fertile land, to which he has skilfully devoted his energies, making substantial and essential improvements, so that it now compares favorably with any in the town. Mr. Blake is a man of enterprise and keen foresight, possessing a good understanding of the best ways of conducting his business so as to secure the best returns. He has made judicious investments, and, in addition to his home property, is the owner of other valuable real estate in the town of Jordan. He is a man of sterling integrity and worth, and is held in high regard throughout the community, where he has so long fulfilled the obligations of a faithful citizen and neighbor. He is a Republican in politics, and a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lysander, to which his wife also belonged, being for many years an active worker in that denomination. Mrs. Blake, who was a most estimable woman, a loving companion and true helpmate for her husband, passed from this life to the joys of the higher existence on December 17, 1887, leaving the hearthstone desolate indeed. Of their happy union but one child was born, a sweet little girl, named Florence A., who, after spending sixteen short months on earth, blessing and brightening the lives of her loving parents, passed through the portals of the gate called death, to blossom in heaven.



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EDWIN LEWIS.



EDWIN LEWIS, a retired farmer, pleasantly passing the sunset years of his life in the village of Sennett, is a fine representative of the agricultural community, and one who has met with no mean measure of success in his independent calling. His early home, like that of many other of Cayuga's prosperous and respected citizens, was on the other side of the broad Atlantic, his birth having occurred in the village of Draut, Somersetshire, England, December 6, 1832, his father, John Lewis, being a native of the same place. His grandfather, William Lewis, who was a life-long resident of Somersetshire, was of Welsh parentage.

John Lewis was a farmer by occupation, and remained in the country of his birth until 1847, when he joined the current of emigration setting to America, embarking at Bristol in the spring of that year in the sailing-vessel "Golconda," and, after a wearisome voyage of nearly six weeks, accompanied by his wife and seven of their eight children, landed in New York City. After a short sojourn in that metropolis, he came to Onondaga County; and, buying a farm in the town of Skaneateles, he there carried on mixed husbandry for five years. Disposing of that property, he then came to Cayuga County, and spent his last years in the town of Sennett. He married Mary Ann Hill, a native of Cheadle, Somersetshire, England, and a daughter of Samuel Hill. She also departed this life in the town of Sennett. Of the eight children born to her and her husband, one died at the

age of eight years. Amelia also died in childhood; and six were reared to maturity, as follows: Mary Ann, William, John, Edwin, Eliza, and George.

Edwin, son of John and Mary A. (Hill) Lewis, was a sturdy youth of fourteen years when he came with his parents to the United States. Prior to this time he had attended school, and also assisted his father on the farm; and, after coming to Skaneateles, he continued working with his father for some time, and acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture in all of its branches. When ready to commence his career as an independent farmer, he rented land in the town of Throop, and at once embarked in the dairy business, finding a market for his milk in Auburn. After spending five years in Throop, Mr. Lewis rented a farm in Auburn, which he managed successfully for seven years. Having accumulated quite a sum of money, he then bought the farm which he still owns in the town of Sennett, one-fourth of a mile from the township line. Prosperity continued to smile on his undertakings; and he continued the improvements already begun, each year adding to the value of his property, and subsequently he added to the acreage by purchasing an adjoining farm. He was soon recognized throughout the community as a wide-awake, enterprising farmer, and was actively engaged in general farming and dairying until 1893, when he removed to his present comfortable and pleasant dwelling near by, relegating to his sons the management of his farms.



Mr. Lewis was united in marriage in the month of June, 1857, to Miss Amy Ann Beneh, a native of Sennett, and a daughter of William and Ann Beneh. Their wedded life was of short duration; for Death, who loves a shining mark, crossed the threshold of their happy home three years later, bearing away the loving wife and affectionate mother. Her two beautiful children soon joined her in the bright world beyond. On February 26, 1861, the second marriage of Mr. Lewis took place, Miss Sarah Bartlett, who was born in Somersetshire, England, being a daughter of James and Phœbe Bartlett, becoming his wife. This union has been gladdened by the birth of seven children — Gilbert, Herbert, Emma, John, Edwin, Lena, and Gracie. Mr. Lewis is public-spirited and generous, taking a deep interest in all movements for the improvement of his town, and is bringing up his interesting family to habits of usefulness and industry, giving them such educational advantages as shall tend to make them good and loyal citizens. He is a member of St. Paul Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to St. George's Society, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. He and his wife were reared in the Episcopal church. They occupy an assured position in the community, being among the most highly respected residents of Sennett.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. Lewis will recognize his familiar features in the portrait accompanying this brief biographical notice.

**W**ESTON A. OGDEN was born in Genoa, Cayuga County, N.Y., on March 27, 1826. His paternal grandfather, who was a native of New Jersey, came to Cayuga County in the early days of the settlement, and did business as a merchant. He also kept a house of entertainment, or tavern, and in addition was a successful farmer. At the time of his death he left the following family: Maria Pearl; Clarissa; Mrs. Henry Bradley; Elias; and David, the father of the subject of this sketch.

David Ogden was educated in his boyhood in the district schools of his native town, Genoa, and subsequently here engaged in farming. Afterward becoming an extensive speculator, he removed to Auburn. He was married twice, his first wife being Harriet Allen, who died, leaving one child, Weston A. Ogden. His second marriage was to Eliza Goodwin, by whom he had one child, a daughter, Harriet, who is married to D. W. Adams, of Auburn. Mr. David Ogden was a Road Commissioner for a number of years, and was a prominent Free Mason.

Weston A. Ogden, after acquiring a fair education in the district schools and at Groton and Moravia Academies, engaged in farming, and was the first man to ship eggs to New York from Cayuga County. In 1849 he, in company with several others in this vicinity, being smitten with the gold fever, sailed for California on the bark "Belvidere," going around the Cape, and taking seven and a half months to make the trip. Mr. Ogden was one of the sixty who bought the vessel at the



start; but, the voyage being longer than they anticipated, they were short of money upon their arrival, and were obliged to sell some of the spars. During the winter and spring following they worked out by the day in order to earn sufficient money to pay their way to the mines. A companion named Mead stayed with Mr. Ogden until 1853, when they decided they had had enough of the gold fields and California, and returned to New York.

In 1855 Mr. Ogden bought a general merchandise business in Galesburg, Ill., where he remained several years, finally returning to the East on account of his wife's poor health. He afterward worked for a year in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and eventually bought a store at King's Ferry, where he has since resided, giving personal attention to its management. In early manhood he married Ellen M., the daughter of Darius and Lue Adams, by whom he has two children, a son and daughter, namely: Walter, who is married, and has one child, Ethel; and Augusta, who is the wife of Ledyard Smith, and has two children — Edna and Ellen.

Mr. Ogden has filled for several years in a most acceptable manner the office of Postmaster at King's Ferry. He is a stanch member of the Presbyterian church, and has always voted the Republican ticket, having cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848.

The experiences of Mr. Ogden have been many and varied; and, being gifted with quick perceptions and an intelligent mind, he has constantly added to his store of knowledge. He is endowed with that peculiar vein

of grit and determination which is essentially American, and which has been the means of leading him onward to success.

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MARCUS DARWIN DREW has the distinction of being the oldest settler now residing within the corporate limits of Meridian. He is a worthy representative of an influential family who have been prominently identified with the prosperity and progress of Cayuga County for nearly seventy years. Mr. Drew is one of the most intelligent and thriving farmers of Cayuga County, a man of strict integrity and high moral character, and is numbered among its most highly respected and valued citizens. He is a native of New England, having been born in Bennington County, Vermont, in July, 1818. His father, Jacob K. Drew, was born in New Hampshire, where his grandfather was a life-long resident. Jacob entered the medical profession, and, after practising awhile in Vermont, came to Cayuga County, New York, in 1826, and settled in the town of Cato. After following his profession here for a time, Dr. Drew purchased of Humphrey Howland one hundred acres of land formerly owned by Hooker Sawyer, who was a clothier by trade, but had bought this farm when it was in its primitive condition, and on it had built one of the first grist-mills in this vicinity, and had further improved his purchase by the erection of a small frame house, in which he and his family had lived. The Doctor cleared a good portion of the land; and here



he and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Sherman, spent the remainder of their lives, he passing away in 1861 at the age of seventy-three years, and she when sixty-six years old. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and five of whom are now living, the following being their record: Marcus Darwin is the subject of further mention below. Evi S. is a farmer, and resides in San Diego County, California. Charles W., who is in the insurance business in Chicago, Ill., was a valiant soldier in the late Rebellion, and first served as Lieutenant in the Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Crary, of Auburn. He was subsequently commissioned to raise a colored regiment in New Orleans; and, before the end of his four years of military life, for brave and gallant services he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-general. Edgar W. is an extensive farmer in Cato. Mary, who is the widow of F. F. Munson, now resides in Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Jacob K. Drew was widely and favorably known as a physician of skill and a citizen of sterling worth, and was one of the noted Abolitionists of this locality. Both he and his wife were exemplary members of the Baptist church.

Their son, Marcus Darwin, was but seven years of age when he came to this county, where his life has since been passed. He profited by the meagre facilities that were afforded him in his youth to obtain an education, attending the district schools and a select school in Cato, and Douglas Academy. He then turned his attention toward teaching,

and for six winter terms taught school, for three winters being successfully engaged in the village in Meridian. At the age of eighteen years he assumed the sole charge of the home farm, of which he is now the owner, and where he has since resided, having bought it of his parents, who continued to live with him as long as their lives were spared. Mr. Drew has made various and excellent improvements on the place, to which he has added by purchase. He raises each year large crops of grain and tobacco, and carries on general farming on an extensive scale. In the last few years he has given some attention to dairying, keeping a fine herd of Jersey cows. His residence, which is one of the handsomest and best in this part of Cayuga County, he built in 1868 and 1869, at a cost of eight thousand dollars; and this, with his commodious and substantial out-buildings, gives visible evidence of his energy, enterprise, and good business management.

Mr. Drew has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united October 18, 1843, was Janette S. Turrill, who died March 1, 1862, leaving him with three children; namely, Adillia A., Charles T., and Willard M. During the years 1864 and 1865 Mr. Drew spent some time in Pennsylvania, carrying on a prosperous business in oil. On the 10th of April, 1866, he married Mary Avaline Tinker, who was born in the town of Van Buren, Onondaga County, April 21, 1830, and was a daughter of Stephen and Polly Tinker, neither of whom is now living. In his early years Mr. Tinker followed the trade



of a wool-carder and a cloth-dresser; but in later life he devoted his time to the tilling of the soil. Of this second marriage two children were born, both of whom died in infancy. Charles T. and Willard M. are the only children of Mr. Drew now living, their sister, Adillia A., who married Ira L. Dudley, having passed from earth at the early age of thirty-three years.

Mr. Drew has been an intelligent observer of men and of events, and his wide experience and shrewd common sense have been important factors in his success as an agriculturist and as a business man. He has ever taken a lively interest in local affairs, has served at different times as Town Clerk and as School Inspector, and for four years — 1859, 1860, 1867, and 1868 — performed his duties as Supervisor of Cato. During the existence of the Farmers' Joint Stock Insurance Company, he was one of its leading members, and was afterward appointed its Receiver. He is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and in religious matters both he and his estimable wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church.

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**S**ARAH J. HULL, an accomplished and enterprising business woman of the town of Venice, N.Y., is devoting her time and energies to the management of the homestead where she resides, and of which she has had the entire supervision since the death of her father and mother, Charles and Sarah A. (Gillam) Hull. Miss

Hull is a native of Cayuga County, her birthplace having been in the town of Genoa, on the farm then owned and occupied by her parents, lying about two and one-half miles west of the village.

She is of New England ancestry, her grandfather, William Hull, having been a native of Vermont, in which State he spent his youth and the first years of his married life. He removed with his family to Cayuga County at an early day; and, buying a tract of wild and wooded land in the south-eastern part of the town of Venice, he began the arduous task of reclaiming a farm. Hopeful, courageous, and persevering, he and his good wife endured the toils and privations of life in a new country; and in the course of time he cleared the land, and established his family in a comfortable home, having built a frame house and made many other improvements. While working for his own advancement, he was not unmindful of the needs of his adopted town, whose growth and prosperity he aided in promoting; and until the time of his death he was one of its respected citizens. The maiden name of his wife, who survived him, and passed away from earth at the home of her son, in Genoa, was Bathsheba Amidown. She bore him five children — Mary, John, Henry, William, and Charles.

Charles Hull was the youngest son born to his parents. He was a native of the Green Mountain State, and among its rugged hills and pleasant dales spent a very small part of his life. He grew to manhood on his father's farm in Venice, obtaining his education in



the district schools, which he attended in the winter season, and laboring on the farm during the summer. After the death of his father he and his three brothers carried on the homestead for a while; then, selling that property, they bought a farm in the town of Genoa, where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits for some time. John and Charles, coming from there to Venice, purchased the estate now occupied by Miss Hull, and, making that their permanent abiding-place, continually added to its improvements and value. The homestead contains one hundred acres of rich land; and this they brought to a good state of cultivation, so that it is now one of the most productive farms in the vicinity. Charles was a practical and capable agriculturist, a kind-hearted and right-principled man, and a most loyal citizen. He married Sarah A. Gillam, the daughter of Henry and Hannah (Willett) Gillam, of Venice; and to them were born a family of four daughters; namely, Emeline M., H. Eliza, Lucy M., and Sarah J. Emeline, who is the widow of James Wood, has two sons—Charles H. and Henry H. Eliza, who married Lyman T. Murdock, died, leaving one child, John H. Murdock. Lucy is the wife of J. B. Young. Charles Hull died on June 15, 1879. Mrs. Sarah A. Gillam Hull, long surviving her husband, closed her eyes upon the scenes of her earthly labors on May 22, 1892, after a useful life of eighty-four years.

Sarah J. was the youngest child of the parental household. She is a clear-headed, active woman, possessing excellent judgment

in affairs and great executive ability; and since assuming the responsibilities of her position as the manager of the homestead property, being ever watchful of the best interests of her farm, she has met with great success and very few discouragements. She has quite a dairy, keeping fifteen head of cattle; and her principal crop each year is grain. Throughout the community she has the respect and esteem of her neighbors and friends, who have ever found her a kind, helpful, and genial companion, always ready to aid the needy and cheer the afflicted and down-hearted.

**F**REDERIC A. BAKER. Among the native-born citizens of Cayuga County conspicuous for their ability and worth is the subject of this sketch, who is an important factor in the industrial interests of the village of Cayuga, where he carries on a substantial manufacturing business. He was born in the town of Aurelius, March 31, 1849, the son of Lewis A. Baker, the grandson of Allen Baker, and the great-grandson of John Baker, who was a pioneer of Cayuga County. A more extended history of the grandparents and great-grandparents may be found in connection with the sketch of Augustus D. Baker, an uncle of Frederic A. Baker, which appears in another part of this volume.

Lewis A. Baker is a native of Cayuga County, born in the town of Aurelius, where he still resides. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof-tree, having the ordinary advantages for obtaining an education,



and, on completing his studies, worked with his father on the homestead. After his marriage, with the natural desire of a young man for a hearthstone of his own, he bought a farm in the north-western part of his native town, and began farming on his own account. Putting into practice the lessons he had learned at home, he has met with excellent success in his labors, his land being highly cultivated and very productive, and has improved a fine homestead for himself and family. In addition to managing his farm, he was engaged in the lumber business in Seneca Falls for about three years, being a member of the firm of Myers & Co. He was married in 1846 to Maria Miller, the daughter of Frederic and Eliza Miller; and to them were born six children, as follows: Laura, who married James A. Niver, of Columbia County, and has two children—Frank and Emma; Frederic A.; Andrew D.; Eliza E.; Ella N., who is the wife of Seymour B. LaRowe, of Springport, and has two children—Grace and Susie; and Lewis R.

Frederic A. Baker, of whom we write, began his education in the district schools of Aurelius, afterward continuing his studies in the Auburn High School, and completed his schooling by a course at Auburn Commercial College. Having a predilection for agricultural pursuits, he began his business career as a tiller of the soil, first buying a farm of eighty acres in Fleming, which he worked for a time with good results, but afterward sold that, and bought a part of his grandfather's farm in Aurelius. Subsequently, not being

quite content with his occupation of farming, and desirous of exercising the mechanical ingenuity with which he was largely endowed, he sold his farm to his uncle, Augustus D. Baker, and removed to the village of Cayuga, where he established himself in business as a wagon-maker. After five years of successful work at that trade, Mr. Baker began the manufacture of anti-rattlers, a steel spring to keep wagon-shafts from rattling, which he has carried on most profitably for the past six years, extending and increasing his trade each year.

Mr. Baker has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was wedded in 1876, was Josie L. LaRowe, who passed from earth to the higher life in 1892, leaving one child, a son, named Warren. Mr. Baker formed a second matrimonial alliance, being united to Minnie Freer, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Parcells) Freer, of Cayuga, who presides over his household most wisely and graciously. Mr. Baker is a man of excellent qualities of head and heart, energetic and industrious, with progressive and liberal views, and wields a wide influence in his community. In politics he sustains the principles of the Democratic party.

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**W**ILLIAM E. BENNETT, editor of the *Register*, at Fair Haven, N.Y., and also Postmaster of that place, was born at Carlton, Orleans County, June 27, 1869, and is the son of Phillip S. and Elizabeth (Ketchum) Bennett. The former was born in Putnam County, and early in life moved to



Taylor, Cortland County, where he engaged in farming, and also held several local offices.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Elizabeth Ketchum, of Cold Spring, the daughter of Timothy Ketchum. Their first residence was in the town of Carlton, N.Y., where Mr. Bennett was extensively engaged in farming. The family afterward moved to Cincinnatus, where the father was obliged to retire from active life owing to failing eyesight. He died at the latter place, when his son William E. was but fifteen years of age. His widow is still living, and a resident of Ocean Side, Long Island.

William E. Bennett received his early education at the Cincinnatus Academy. He afterward learned the engineering business, and worked at his trade at the mill. Later he entered the office of the Otselic Valley *Register*, where he served an apprenticeship of one year, afterward buying the business. The *Register* was a weekly, seven-column, four-page paper, and was regularly published until March, 1890, when the plant was removed to Fair Haven, and Mr. Bennett established the Fair Haven *Register*, there being no paper at Fair Haven at that time. The paper has been made into an unusually good one, having a very large circulation for a place of that size. Mr. Bennett has also owned and conducted a livery business, which he established when he first came here, and which has proved to be lucrative.

In local politics he has taken an active part, being nominated for Supervisor on the Democratic ticket in 1893, and up to the time

of receiving his appointment as Postmaster, January 16, 1894, was Village Trustee, which latter position he resigned. He has considerable talent as a musician, and was the organizer of the Fair Haven Silver Band, which is in a very flourishing condition, and of which he is the leader.

Mr. Bennett married Miss Carrie A. Potter, January 14, 1889. She is the daughter of W. C. Potter, a veteran of the late war, and a resident of Cincinnatus. Two daughters have been the offspring of this union — Jessie and Florence. Mr. Bennett is a member of Fair Haven Lodge, No. 481, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held several official positions. He is a man of unbounded energy, ability, and push, three characteristics which are pre-eminent in all true-born Americans. His success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, and he has undoubtedly a fine future before him.

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 RRIN LESTER, a veteran agriculturist of Cayuga County, was born at Venice, June 8, 1819, and comes of New England ancestry. His grandfather Daniel, who was a native of Connecticut, left that State when quite a young man, and came to New York, bringing his family with him. He met with the usual discomforts and difficulties of the early pioneers in making the journey with an ox team, bringing their household effects; but with the brave persistence and ingenuity characteristic of his race he surmounted them all. He was accom-



panied by his brother Ebenezer; and together they built a log hut, with no floor but the solid earth. The brother sending the next year for his family, for some time all lived together under the same roof. They bought about three hundred acres of land, most of it being heavily timbered, which necessitated its clearance for agricultural purposes. A little later a frame house was built; and, the families increasing, the brothers decided to divide the property. After the division Daniel built a log cabin for the accommodation of his family, and finally, as his circumstances improved, built a fine frame house.

Daniel Lester, Jr., son of the above-named, was about eight years of age when his parents came to Cayuga County. When old enough to work, he engaged in the carpenter's trade, in which he continued until the time of his marriage, when he purchased fifty acres of the old homestead, building a log house, and taking up farming. Upon the death of his father he bought out the interest in the property owned by the other heirs, and moved his family to the homestead. He was married to Mary Mead, daughter of Israel Mead, who was a Revolutionary soldier under General Israel Putnam, being with him in all his campaigns. He had children as follows: John A.; Orrin; Volney; Albert; Emily; and Mary J., Mrs. James Stevens.

Orrin, the second son of Daniel and Mary (Mead) Lester, was educated at the district schools of Venice, and has been engaged in farming all his life. When scarcely a full-grown lad, his proficiency and endurance were

such that he could follow the plough fifteen hours at a time. In 1840, the year of his marriage, he bought a farm of ninety acres, and has built upon it a fine residence. He married Mary J. Sands, the daughter of Nathaniel Sands, of Orange County. Mrs. Lester died in 1891, after fifty years of wedded life, leaving no issue.

Mr. Lester is a prominent member of the Universalist church of Genoa. He has served his town acceptably as a Road Commissioner, and, with this exception, has not held public office. He is a Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren in 1840. Although Mr. Lester with characteristic modesty has hidden his light in a great measure under a bushel, yet his life-long residence in Venice, a life of honesty and usefulness has not escaped notice, and may well be pointed out as in many respects a pattern for others to follow.

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**E**DWIN M. SPERRY, who is numbered among the oldest of the native-born citizens of Cayuga County, his birth having occurred December 20, 1821, in the town of Ledyard, is one of the most thrifty and prosperous of the successful farmers of the town of Fleming, and possesses in a marked degree those principles which constitute him an honest man and a good citizen. He is of New England antecedents, his father, Nobles Sperry, having been a native of Connecticut; and that State was also, it is supposed, the birthplace of his grandfather, Ambrose Sperry,



a veteran of the War of the Revolution, in which he served seven years.

About the year 1800 Ambrose Sperry emigrated to York State, accompanied by his family, and making the overland journey with teams. Cayuga County, in which he settled, was then but sparsely populated; and the dense wilderness hereabouts was the home of deer, bears, wolves, and other wild beasts of the forest. Buying a tract of woodland in what is now the town of Ledyard, he erected a log house in the wilderness, and after many years of incessant toil and skill evolved a good farm from the forest, and there spent the remaining years of his life. He married Patience Wheeler, a woman of true pioneer grit and courage, who bore him the following-named children: Johnson, Ira, Wheeler, Philo, Nobles, Roxie, Sally, and Lucetta.

Nobles Sperry was fourteen years old when he made the memorable journey across the country from his New England home to the town of Ledyard; and, being a strong and rugged lad, he ably assisted his parents in the labor of clearing the land and improving a home. Albany being the most convenient market and depot for supplies, the surplus produce of the farms had to be taken there by team, the trip consuming many days. For a time Syracuse was the nearest milling point, and the largest village in the vicinity. The chief subsistence of the pioneers was produced on the farms, or obtained by expert marksmen from the surrounding forest. The people dressed in homespun, which was spun and woven by the industrious wife and mother,

and by her skilful hands fashioned into garments. The travelling cobbler used to make his yearly visits to each household, when every member was carefully supplied with shoes for the succeeding year. On attaining his majority Nobles Sperry started in life on his own account, with no available capital save his strong hands and willing spirit. He bought sixty acres of land in Ledyard, and there carried on general farming with satisfactory results until the year 1836, when he sold his farm, intending to settle in Clinton County, Michigan, which he had previously visited, and where he had purchased a tract of land. On account of the ill-health of his wife he changed his purpose, and bought the farm where his son Edwin now lives; and here he resided until his death in 1861. He took a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted county, and watched with great pride its gradual evolution from a wilderness to a superb agricultural region, whose well-cultivated and well-stocked farms indicated its general prosperity. In his early years he was a Democrat, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its strongest adherents. He married Marcia King, a native of Onondaga County, who died in 1844, leaving five children — Adaline, Mary, Emily, Patience, and Edwin M.

Edwin M. Sperry acquired a very good education, attending first the district schools of his native town, and afterward the academy at Elbridge. Being the only son, he remained in the parental household, and on the death of his father succeeded to the ownership of the



homestead, where he has since followed the pursuit of agriculture. Besides carrying on general farming with excellent pecuniary results, Mr. Sperry does an extensive business as a stock raiser and dealer, and in his chosen occupation has amassed a comfortable competence.

The marriage of Mr. Sperry with Jane M. Rogers, a native of Sauquoit, Oneida County, was solemnized December 11, 1845. Mrs. Sperry's father, Simeon Rogers, was, it is thought, a native of Connecticut. He was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Rogers, early pioneers of Madison County, who spent their last years on their pleasant homestead in the town of De Ruyter, in whose settlement they ably assisted. Simeon Rogers was a machinist by trade, but, after following that occupation for a few years, bought a farm in the town of Aurelius, this county, where he engaged in farming for a time, coming thence to the town of Fleming, where he departed this life October 1, 1873. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Tucker, was born in Massachusetts, and died in 1858, in Fleming. Of their union Mrs. Sperry was the only child. The only child born to Mr. Sperry and his wife was a son, named Edwin K., who was born October 6, 1848, and died October 9, 1877. He married Harriet Baker, who died in 1883, leaving a daughter, Nina Ethel.

Politically, Mr. Sperry is a Republican, and a staunch supporter of the principles promulgated by that party. He is a man of sound judgment, and both he and his wife are held in universal respect.

ALBERT R. ROGERS, a worthy representative of the farming and dairy-ing interests of the town of Summer Hill, owns and occupies a fine homestead of one hundred and twenty-eight and one-half acres of well-cultivated land, on which he has a fine residence, erected in 1891, and all the necessary out-buildings for the storing of hay and grain, and the care and shelter of his stock. He is a native of York State, and was born in Cortland County, January 18, 1831, being a son of Enoch and Betsey (Dodge) Rogers, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, the former having been born in December, 1800, and the latter in 1803. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jeremiah Rogers, was a life-long resident of the Nutmeg State, where he lived for fourscore years, being numbered among its successful and practical agriculturists. The ten children—seven sons and three daughters—born to him and his wife all grew to maturity; but it is not known whether any of the number are now living.

Enoch Rogers was reared to manhood in the State of his birth, and was there married. He settled in the town of Lyme, where he lived until after the birth of his first child, when he removed to Cortland County, this State, locating in the town of Truxton, in the year 1822. He made the entire journey with an ox team, bringing his family and household goods with him, travelling by day and camping at night by the roadside. He bought a tract of wild, heavily timbered land, over which bears, deer, wolves, and other wild



game of the forests roamed unmolested, and began the arduous task of constructing a home for himself and family. The humble log cabin which first sheltered them was their dwelling for a number of years, and the birth-place of some of their children. The father was an industrious, hard-working man, but did not meet with very great financial success, and subsequently removed to the town of Tully, where he departed this life in 1875, his wife passing to the life eternal the following year. Both were people of high moral principles, upright and honest, and were members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Rogers was a faithful officer and an ardent worker. Of the six children born of their union four are now living, as follows: Enoch B., a carpenter, and Elizabeth, the wife of S. Jones, a farmer, both residing in Onondaga County; Joseph, a farmer, a resident of Tully; and Albert R., the subject of this notice; Hannah, who married A. Barrington, died in 1859; and Sarah, who became the wife of Mr. Crampton, died in 1883.

Albert R. Rogers spent the early part of his boyhood in the place of his nativity, and received a limited education in the old log school-house, a rude structure with puncheon floors, greased paper for window panes, and seats made of slabs, with one side smoothed and pins put in for legs. The wood to heat this was furnished by the parents in quantities proportioned to the number of pupils sent by each householder, and the salary of the teacher was paid in the same manner. When

he was twelve years of age, his parents removed to Syracuse, and Albert began the struggle of life for himself. He began by working on a farm for his board, that being his only compensation for his first season's work. After working thus for a time, he returned to his old home, where he secured work, being paid what then seemed to him a munificent sum, five dollars per month. He was an industrious and faithful worker, and each season had an increase of wages, and, being prudent and economical, accumulated quite a sum of money. Being enterprising and energetic, he rented land, and engaged in farming on his own account, and met with unquestioned success in his ventures. Looking about for a good locality in which to invest his money, Mr. Rogers came to this county in 1862; and, being pleased with the location and condition of his present farm in Summer Hill, he at once purchased it, and has since carried it on to great advantage, realizing a handsome yearly income from its productions. As a general farmer and stock-raiser, he has fine success; and his large crops of hay and the products of his well-known dairy bring him in handsome profits. Mr. Rogers is in truth a self-made man and the architect of his own fortune, his prosperity being due solely to his own efforts. His honesty, straightforward business methods, and promptness in meeting his obligations have won for him the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen; and he is numbered among the prominent members of the agricultural community. In politics he



is a sound Republican; and both he and his excellent wife are conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Summer Hill, he being a Steward and Trustee.

On January 8, 1852, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Mosher, who was born in Onondaga County, May 1, 1829. Her father, Norman Mosher, spent his entire life in Onondaga County, and was a farmer by occupation. He died when only thirty years of age, leaving his widow, whose maiden name was Polly Corner, with six children, namely: Fidelia, who married Russell French, and died at the age of forty-two years; Eliza Smith, who lives in Onondaga County; Freeman, a resident of the same county; James, a resident of Kansas; Maria Topping, who lives in Michigan; and Mrs. Rogers. The union of Mr. Rogers and his wife has been blessed by the birth of two children: Mary Frances, who married Clark W. Reynolds, a farmer, and resides in the town of Locke; and Alice, who is the wife of Luther Carpenter, a farmer, and lives in the town of Summer Hill.

**E**DWARD A. BUCKHOUT, is numbered among the veteran farmers of Cayuga County who have met with success in their chosen occupation, and are now enjoying a comfortable competency, acquired chiefly by their own exertions. He is the owner of a productive farm, lying in District No. 5 in the town of Ledyard, which he has carried on for the past fifteen years with excellent re-

sults. A native of Cayuga County, he was born in Scipio, October 15, 1822; and his many years of active life have been spent within its limits.

The ancestors of Mr. Buckhout for several generations were residents of Saratoga County, where his great-grandfather leased land for ninety-nine years; and, after he and his descendants had lived out the lease, the land was given up, and the family scattered in different directions. His grandfather Buckhout was born in Saratoga County, where he was long engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was an active participant in the Revolutionary struggle, but at its close found himself almost a poor man, the Tories having raided his farm, stealing and driving off all of his stock. He never fully recovered from his losses at that time, although he continued farming until his death.

His son, Philip H. Buckhout, was born, bred, and educated in Saratoga County, and there learned the trade of wagon-making. When twenty years of age, he left the parental roof, and removed to Onondaga County, where he remained two years, coming thence to Cayuga County, and settling in Scipio, which he made his permanent home. In 1812 he was drafted into the army, and did faithful service in that war. In a training regiment that was raised in Scipio, he was appointed Major, a title that he retained through life. He was a superior workman, and carried on his trade until enfeebled by weight of years, when he retired from business, and lived in comfort until his death at



the ripe old age of ninety-two years. He married Amanda Allen, the daughter of William and Betty (Watkins) Allen, and a descendant of a worthy pioneer family of that name, who came to Scipio at about the same time that the Watkins family did, and, like them, suffered all the hardships and privations incidental to life on the frontier, subsisting almost entirely on the bears, deer, and other small game to be found in the forest, until their land was put in condition to yield potatoes and corn, the latter being ground in a primitive mill or mortar made from the stump of a tree. Their residence was a log cabin; and their clothing was spun, woven, and made by the hard-working pioneer women of the family, who surely had as much to contend with as the sturdier sex. Mr. Allen was an educated man, and after his marriage taught school for many years. He was an influential citizen and very prominent in local affairs, being a Justice of the Peace and a member of the General Assembly, besides holding all other offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, who delighted to honor him. Major Buckhout and his wife reared three children — Edward A., Harriet, and Byron B. Harriet, who is the wife of Bernet Petitt, of Scipio, has two children. Byron, who married Betty Peck, has one child.

Edward A. Buckhout was educated in the schools of his native town, and, as soon as old enough, assisted his parents in the lighter labors around the homestead. On reaching manhood he became a husbandman from choice, and in this occupation has been most

prosperous. In 1878 he bought the farm where he now resides; and by the exercise of his native industry and his able business capacity he has rendered it one of the finest estates in the vicinity, having the rich land under good cultivation, with improvements of an excellent character. Mr. Buckhout long years ago established himself in the confidence of his friends and fellow-citizens, and has made for himself a good record as an honest man and a valuable member of the community.

The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Edward A. Buckhout, to whom he was united in 1852, was Betsey Freeman; and to hallow their union two children were born — Philip and William, both of whom reside on the home farm. Philip, the elder son, married Helen Fritts; and they have two children — Ira and Earl. William married Jennie Groom. Mrs. Buckhout's parents were William and Betsey (Legg) Freeman, of Tompkins County.

Though not an aspirant for office, Mr. Buckhout takes an intelligent interest in political matters, and is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party. He cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1844, and has voted at every Presidential election since. Socially, he has long been connected with the Odd Fellows.

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**E**PHRAIM CULVER. This gentleman, who is closely identified with the agricultural interests of Scipio, is pleasantly lo-



cated in District No. 8, where he has a choice farm, well improved, with a good house and barn and everything pertaining to a first-class estate. He is a native of Cayuga County, and was born on the homestead where he now resides, having first opened his eyes to the light of this world February 5, 1824. He is a son of Ansel Culver, who was born in Otsego County, September 20, 1796, and is the descendant of a worthy pioneer family of this county.

Joseph Culver, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York, born in Otsego County, where he spent the earlier portion of his life. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1802 moved with his family to this county, bringing all of his earthly possessions with an ox team. Settling in Fleming, he bought a tract of unimproved land lying on the banks of the lake, going into debt for it. After building a log house, with the customary puncheon floor and shake-covered roof, he cleared five acres of land which he sowed to wheat, and from the proceeds made his first payment. That was in the time when the pioneers were obliged to avail themselves of every possible advantage in order to make both ends meet, provide themselves with the necessaries of life, and proceed with the improvements on their new homesteads. They combined forces, however, each neighbor helping the other whenever he could; and in the course of time success began to smile upon their united and persevering labor. With undaunted courage and ambitious energy Mr. Culver continued his

efforts; and the tide of prosperity flowed in his direction, so that in a few years he had a large number of acres in good yielding condition, had replaced the log cabin with a substantial frame structure, which is still standing on the farm, and had paid off the last cent of his indebtedness, walking the entire distance to New York City to do it. Walking was a common mode of locomotion in those days; and from there he walked to Philadelphia, and, when ready to return home, travelled in the same independent manner. From his youth up he had a strong love for country and home, and during the War of the Revolution was a brave and patriotic soldier, taking an active part in many engagements. At the battle of Stillwater, when General Arnold was wounded, he was one of four men detailed by Washington to carry him to New York. On the homestead which he had improved from the wilderness he and his worthy wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Root, passed their declining years, content with the reward of their many years of hard labor. Their household circle was completed by the birth of the following children: Cynthia, Samuel, Lovina, Simon, Ansel, Hiram, William, and Walter.

Ansel Culver, being a little boy when his parents brought him to Scipio, received his education in this town, attending the log school-house school sessions, and in the intervening times working on the farm, becoming as familiar with the duties of agriculture as with the contents of his books. When old enough, he and his brother Simon took charge



of the homestead, carrying it on quite successfully for some time. In 1825 he removed to Livingston County with his wife and three children, and for eleven years operated a saw and grist mill in that region. Disposing of that property, he took up four hundred acres of land in Michigan, and began the improvement of a homestead, but, being persuaded to return home, sold his farm, and came back to the paternal homestead in Scipio. He was a man of genuine worth, held in high esteem throughout his community, and for eight years served as Justice of the Peace. On the ninth day of December, 1870, he passed from the scenes of his earthly labors, having outlived the allotted period of man's threescore and ten years, being then seventy-four years of age. When a young man, he was united in marriage to Rachel Calkins, the daughter of Benjamin Calkins, of Scipio; and to them were born the following children: Rebecca, Ruth, Ephraim, Clarissa, Frances M., Chauncey, Ann, and George W. The latter, who was a veteran of the war, was subsequently killed by the Indians.

Ephraim Culver, of whom we write, attended the public schools of Scipio and of Livingston County, obtaining a fair education. Selecting farming as the means of obtaining a livelihood, he has devoted his time and attention to that branch of industry, and has been favored in every respect. Before taking upon himself the obligations of a tiller of the soil, however, Mr. Culver, who was well fitted for a teacher, was engaged for one term in Scipio, where he taught in a district

school, but abandoned a professional life for the more congenial one of farming. In 1866 he returned to the old homestead, the place of his birth, and since that time has assumed its entire management, in every detail of which he has been successful. He is a fine representative of the substantial citizens of the town, and in his domestic relations is a considerate father and a devoted husband; while his neighbors find him kind and obliging, ever ready to lend a helping hand. Since the formation of the Republican party he has been one of its strongest adherents. His first Presidential vote was cast for Zachary Taylor in 1848; and since that date he has never missed casting his ballot each year.

Mr. Culver has been twice married. In 1852 he was wedded to Helen M. Whitfield, who bore him four children, namely: Rachel, who is the wife of Arthur R. Daniels, of Scipio, and has four children—E. Burton, Eliza, M. Flora, and Helen M.; George W., who married Mary Ralph, by whom he had one child, Grace M., who is now deceased; Pamela; and Alice, deceased. In 1870 Mrs. Culver, the mother of these children, passed on to the higher life, leaving a worthy record as a faithful wife, a tender mother, and an esteemed friend and counsellor. Mr. Culver was subsequently united in marriage to Martha J. Alexander, the daughter of John H. and Pamela (Comstock) Alexander, of Saratoga County, who presides over his household with wisdom and ability.



**F**RANK A. WEDDIGEN. In the annals of Cayuga County no more worthy name is found than that of Mr. Weddigen, who is an able and important factor in its manufacturing interests, occupying a prominent position among the enterprising and progressive business men of Throop. He is a native of this county, born in Auburn, December 15, 1850, a son of C. August Weddigen, Jr., and grandson of C. August Weddigen, Sr., who was a life-long resident of Westphalia, Germany.

The father of Frank A. Weddigen received an excellent education in the public schools of his native land, which is noted for its thorough system of national education, compulsory attendance at school being enforced by law. He was a natural mechanic, and, after learning his trade, became Assistant Master Mechanic of the government railway in Prussia, holding that position at the time of the revolution in that country in 1848; but, being a Republican, he was exiled. Coming at once to this country with his family, he proceeded to Auburn, where he was given charge of the Beardsley, Keeler & Curtis works at the State prison. He remained there until 1857, and then went to Canada West to assume supervision of the locomotive works of the Grand Trunk Railway. He continued there three years, then, returning to Cayuga County, settled in the town of Sennett, where he has since resided, being recognized as a good and useful citizen, and everywhere respected for his moral worth and intelligence.

While in his native land he married Christina Kirschman, a native of Andernach, on the Rhine, and a daughter of Louis von Kirschman, who was an officer in the allied forces that took the first cannon across the Rhinè, following Napoleon's retreat. Mr. Weddigen has in his possession autograph letters from the Duke of Wellington, the King of Prussia, and the Czar of Russia, and also a book of orders received at that time. Of their union four children were born, two of whom are living: Anna, who was born in New York, married Frederick Nachstheim, and now resides in Tacoma, Wash.; and Frank A. C. August and Christina are deceased.

The subject of this brief biographical notice received his preliminary education in the public schools of Auburn, supplementing it by attendance at the business colleges of Auburn and Syracuse. He completed his studies in Germany, whither he went to perfect himself in the German language and in his commercial studies, returning to this country in 1870. The following year he began his mercantile career, opening a crockery store in Auburn, which he carried on for four years. In 1875 he entered the employ of D. M. Osborne & Co., remaining with that firm until 1882, when, forming a copartnership with John Meyer, Mr. Weddigen established his present business, the manufacture of nuts, washers, bicycle springs, wringer springs, rake teeth, etc., and has since carried on an extensive and lucrative trade, the enterprising and successful firm of Meyer & Co.



being widely and favorably known throughout the county.

Mr. Weddigen was united in wedlock in 1871 to Johanna Van Ness, the daughter of John and Johanna Van Ness, of Auburn. Their happy household circle has been blessed by the birth of ten children, as follows: Eda C., who is a teacher in Throop; Charles A., a messenger at the State capitol; Louisa W.; Mary L.; Frank A., Jr.; John G.; George; Anna C.; Howard E.; and Irene W. Socially, Mr. Weddigen is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Thirty-second Degree Mason. In politics he is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, and cast his first Presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1872. He has no official aspirations, but was elected Supervisor in 1892.

**G**EORGE W. FITTS, whose name is prominent among those of the solid business men of Cayuga County, is a keen, wide-awake representative of the manufacturing interests of the town of Sempronius, owning an interest in and operating the largest lumber-mill in the vicinity. He keeps from eight to ten men constantly employed, and carries on an extensive trade in lumber, his mill having a capacity of eight thousand to ten thousand feet of lumber daily, and turning out dressed material of every description. Mr. Fitts was born in the town of Sempronius, August 8, 1856, on the homestead where he now resides, and in which he has a part interest. His father, Lucius Fitts, was also

a native of Sempronius, born on the 11th of September, 1824; and his wife, whose maiden name was Isabella Hall, was a native of England, born in Westmoreland County, December 12, 1828.

George W. Fitts is of English descent on both the paternal and maternal sides, and traces his ancestry back to one Robert Fitts, who sailed from England in 1635, and was one of the original settlers of the town of Salisbury, on the north-eastern coast of Massachusetts. The records show that he remained in the Bay State the remainder of his days, dying there May 9, 1665. John Fitts, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Sutton, Mass., but afterward removed to Charlton, in the same State.

Martin Fitts, the grandfather of him to whom we refer in this brief sketch, was born in Charlton, Mass., October 11, 1791, and there grew to maturity. In 1816, following the march of civilization, he came to this county, locating in the town of Sempronius, where he bought a large tract of land, from which he improved a fine homestead. Two years after his arrival here he married Miriam Dresser, a native of Hinsdale, Mass., where she was born March 26, 1793, their nuptials being celebrated January 20, 1818. She ably seconded him in all his efforts to establish a home, and spent a happy wedded life until called to the other shore, passing away October 18, 1866. He became prominently identified with the farming interests of the community, and assisted materially in the development of this section of the county.



He served as Supervisor, filled other minor offices, and for many years was Justice of the Peace. He bore a high character for sterling integrity, and his charity and benevolence were unbounded. The last few years of his life were spent just north of Dresserville, where his death occurred April 5, 1876. He was the father of four children, as follows: Leander, born May 23, 1822, died in 1891; Lucius; Julius, born June 20, 1827, lives on the old homestead; Mary Ann, born December 6, 1832, died February 16, 1893.

Lucius Fitts spent the greater part of his life in his native town, and was numbered among its most influential citizens. He was thoroughly identified with its business interests, and was extensively engaged in milling and farming. In 1849 he bought the old home farm, which is still in the possession of his children, and improved a fine homestead from its two hundred and thirteen acres. Being a man of much enterprise, and very capable and far-seeing, he invested his surplus money in the Fitts' Dresserville Mills, in 1866, which he operated successfully until 1881, when they were burned out. He then purchased the old Dresserville Mills, and, consolidating the business of the two, continued the manufacture of lumber. Residing on his home property, he supervised his farm and operated his mill until the time of his death, August 18, 1886, it being the result of an accident, he falling from a load of lumber. His sound judgment, financial ability, and deep interest in the welfare of his town, made him an important factor in civic circles; and

he served with fidelity in many of the offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He was Supervisor in 1861 and 1862, and again in 1878 and 1879, and from 1865 until 1870 served as Internal Revenue Assessor.

On the 2d of March, 1847, his marriage was solemnized, Isabella Hall becoming his wife. Their pleasant wedded life continued nearly twoscore years, when it was terminated by the death of Mrs. Fitts, who passed to the brighter world May 23, 1885. She was a woman of rare personal worth, and kind and charitable toward all. Both she and her husband were liberal and progressive in their religious beliefs. In politics Mr. Fitts was a member of the Republican party. They had a family of eight children. Ann, the wife of Asahel Smith, a farmer, lives in Sempronius. Carrie, the wife of John McMillan, also a farmer, resides in Summer Hill. Alice M. is at home. George W. is our subject. Milton, who resides on the homestead property, and ably manages it, is also engaged in the milling business with his brother George. Lurie J., the wife of Charles S. Clark, a farmer, resides in Cortland County. Fay M., a graduate of Cornell University in the class of 1886, is in the United States Mail service, and resides in Portland, Ore. Edwin, who resides in Sempronius, is also a graduate of Cornell University, receiving his diploma in 1891, and is now a mechanical engineer.

George W. Fitts, of whom we write, grew to manhood in the town of his nativity, and received a good education in the union schools of Moravia. After finishing his



studies, he taught school six terms, five in this place, and one in Niles. When not in school, he was engaged in his father's mill, becoming very well acquainted with the business details, and has continued in this vocation to the present, having practically built up its lucrative trade. Since 1881 he has owned an interest in this property, and for several years has been sole manager. These are the most extensive works of the kind in the vicinity, and are equipped with the latest improved machinery. Mr. Fitts has also an interest in the home farm, which is conducted by his brother Milton, and is one of the largest estates in the neighborhood. It is well improved, with a beautiful residence and a substantial set of modern farm buildings, and is well stocked, the fine dairy containing twenty-five head of choice Jersey cattle, dairying being the principal industry. In addition to dressing lumber, Mr. Fitts makes a specialty of manufacturing butter-covers, on which he has a steady run. In 1891 he furnished the Homer Wagon Company with one hundred thousand feet of lumber. He has likewise a feed-mill connected with the works, from which he reaps a good yearly income.

Mr. Fitts is everywhere respected and esteemed for his many excellent traits of character and manly virtues, and holds an important place in the community. He has served as Postmaster of Dresserville since 1891, having received his appointment November 12th of that year. He cordially indorses the principles of the Republican party; and on that

ticket, in 1894, he was elected Supervisor by the largest majority ever received by any candidate. Having never married, Mr. Fitts has no household affairs to attend to; but few men of the vicinity are more widely known or have a larger number of warm friends.

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WING T. PARKER, attorney and counsellor-at-law of Moravia, was born in that town, December 13, 1849, and is the son of the Hon. John L. and Mary (Tabor) Parker, the latter a daughter of the Hon. Judge Wing Tabor, an Assemblyman and County Judge. John L. Parker was born in Moravia, March 28, 1825, a son of John H. and Esther (Locke) Parker, the former of whom was one of the early pioneers of this county, coming from Nova Scotia. He was the son of Caleb Parker, a master in the English navy. The family were originally from Boston, and left that city at the time of the British evacuation. In after years they returned to Massachusetts, John H. coming to Moravia, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons, being one of the first wagon-makers in this vicinity, his goods having a wide reputation. He married Miss Esther Locke, the eldest daughter of John Locke; and the following children were born to them: William, who died at Allegheny City; John L.; Henry P.; James, who died in Cuba, N.Y.; and Ann, who married Charles G. Weitzel, and died at Mechanicsville. John H. Parker died in 1874, when within a few days of attaining his eightieth year.



John L. Parker received his education at the Moravia Institute, at that time a well-known school, afterward reading law with Jared Smith and Leonard O. Aikin, being admitted to practice, July 4, 1848, at the general term at Ithaca, and to practice in the Circuit Courts of the United States, January 23, 1879. He opened an office in Moravia, which he conducted for many years, being one of the most prominent attorneys of the county. In 1863-64 he was Deputy Clerk of the House at Albany, and during 1865-67 was elected a member of the Assembly for the Southern District of Cayuga County, the last two terms being Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. He was elected on the Republican ticket by a large majority each year. He was a very active politician, and in 1865 delivered a fine speech on the "Constitutional Convention," and another in 1866 on the "Health Bill." He was also on the resolution indorsing Congress against the President. All of these were widely read and commented upon. In 1873 he was appointed Special Agent of the Pension Department for one year. He continued in the active practice of his profession until within a year of his death, which took place October 10, 1892. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a Royal Arch Mason. In 1857 he was Representative of the lodge at the Grand Lodge in New York.

He was married December 13, 1848, to Miss Mary Tabor, youngest daughter of Wing Tabor, who was a member of the Assembly in 1829, and Judge of the County Court for

ten years from March 2, 1833. Judge Tabor was born at New Bedford, Mass., and died in 1865. His wife was Mehitabel Bowker, a daughter of Silas Bowker, who was a Captain during the Revolutionary War, and a State Senator for four years. Mrs. John L. Parker was born in Scipio, but, when sixteen years of age, came with her family to Moravia. She is still living, and the mother of four children, namely: Wing T.; William J. H., Cashier of the First National Bank of Moravia; Joseph, a master weigher of Western freight in Omaha; and Mary, the wife of Frank P. Tabor, of Auburn.

Wing T. Parker was educated in the common schools and at the Moravia Institute, afterward going into the office of his father, where he read law. He was admitted to the bar at Buffalo, June 9, 1871. In 1874 he went to New York as managing clerk for Wingate & Cullen, who were attorneys for Tammany Hall, defending Richard Croker in his trial for murder, Mr. Parker taking part in preparing the evidence. He afterward went to Buffalo, but upon the request of his father returned to Moravia, and was associated with him in business until the time of the latter's death. Mr. Parker took an active part in politics when quite young, first as his father's confidential clerk, but later became a stump speaker. He has not aspired to any office, but was put forward by his friends as a candidate for the nomination for the Assembly in 1893. He does a fine law business in all the courts, having a very successful practice.

He has been married three times, first to



Mary Johnson, who died in February, 1874. His second wife, Miss Margaret Kindred, of New York, died in 1876. His third wife was Miss Eleanor L. Smith, daughter of Sullivan Smith, of Janesville, Wis., to whom he was married April 11, 1878. Mr. Parker is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. For the last fifteen years he has been a Warden of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Moravia. He is held in high esteem, being known as a powerful and eloquent pleader, and a shrewd and skilful cross-examiner, gifts which he doubtless inherits from his learned and illustrious father.

**H**ICKS ANTHONY, farmer. In District No. 5 in the town of Ledyard lies one of the most comfortable homesteads to be found in Cayuga County; and it is the property of the gentleman whose name is placed at the head of this sketch. The land is well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, with a substantial residence, a good barn, and all the necessary out-buildings for storing his crops and sheltering his stock. Everything about the premises is neat and tasteful, and indicates the supervision of an enterprising and progressive farmer.

Mr. Anthony was born in Ledyard, Cayuga County, N.Y., on September 13, 1827. His grandfather, David Anthony, was born in Rhode Island, and was doubtless a descendant of John Anthony, of Hempstead, England, born in 1607, who crossed the Atlantic in the

"Hercules," landed in New England on April 16, 1634, and subsequently took up his abode in Portsmouth, R.I., or the northern part of the island of Aquidneck in Narragansett Bay, which the settlers named Rhode Island. The emigrant also owned property in Newport on the southern part of the island. His wife's name was Susannah, and they had several children.

David Anthony, disposing of his farm in Rhode Island, removed to Adams, Berkshire County, Mass., where he bought land, and, continuing his former occupation, farming, there spent the remainder of his days, numbered among the substantial citizens of the place. After his removal to Adams, Berkshire County, he married Judith Hicks, a niece of Elias Hicks, the noted Quaker preacher, the leader of that branch of the Society of Friends that bears his name.

The father of the subject of this sketch, who was named John Anthony, was born at the foot of "Old Greylock," in the town of Adams, Mass., in June, 1777, about two months before the battle of Bennington, not very far away, and on the parental homestead was well drilled in all that pertained to agriculture. He began his career as a farmer in Adams, but subsequently migrated to Greenfield, Saratoga County, N.Y., where he bought a tract of unimproved land, which he worked for a few years. In 1822 he removed to this county, performing the journey by means of the stage-coach and wagons. Work on the canal was in progress; but even then the people were incredulous, and ridiculed it,





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HICKS ANTHONY.



calling it "Clinton's big ditch"; and an epigram of the period, alluding to Governor Clinton, shows something of the spirit that existed at that time:—

"Oh, a ditch he would dig, from the lakes to the sea,  
The eighth of the world's matchless wonders to be.  
Good land! How absurd! But why should you grin?  
It will do to bury its mad author in."

Railways had not then been thought of; and during his whole life the only one he ever rode on was the horse railway running between Albany and Schenectady. Coming to Ledyard, John Anthony bought a farm on which the improvements were few; but by untiring industry he placed it in a good yielding condition, and, being prospered in his work, purchased adjoining land, until at the time of his death he had a well-improved farm of two hundred and sixty acres, on which he had built a substantial frame house, besides making other marked improvements. He married Susanna Allen, the daughter of James Allen, of Rhode Island; and around their family hearthstone was gathered a family of ten children, namely: Hannah; Daniel; Mary; John; Judith and Smith, twins; Susan; Seth; Phœbe; and Hicks. Another son of David Anthony, of Adams, Mass., and brother of John, of Cayuga County, was Humphrey Anthony, who was grandfather of Susan B. Anthony, distinguished leader in the cause which has for its object the political enfranchisement and general advancement of women.

Hicks Anthony was the youngest of the large family born to his parents, John and Susanna (Allen) Anthony. In his youthful

days he attended the district schools of his native town, acquiring a good common-school education, and under the parental roof-tree received a careful home training, the lessons of truth, honesty, and justice, which have been his guiding principles through life, having been firmly impressed upon his mind. Being reared to agricultural pursuits, he has devoted his entire attention to the tilling of the soil, and is numbered among the most skilful, progressive, and prosperous farmers of this part of Cayuga County. On his homestead he has erected a fine dwelling, and new barns and out-buildings that correspond with the residence; and these, with their attractive surroundings, indicate the supervision of an intelligent, enterprising, and successful man of business.

Mr. Anthony was united in marriage in 1847 with Jane Low, the daughter of Benjamin and Cornelia Low; and of their wedlock two daughters were born — Mary and Frances A. The younger of these is the wife of Charles G. Adams, of Auburn, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this biographical volume. Among the influential citizens of Ledyard Mr. Hicks Anthony occupies a prominent position. His good judgment and competence in local affairs are quite conspicuous, being recognized by his townsmen, whom he has served in many official capacities. He has been Supervisor seven consecutive years, from 1875 till 1882, and Chairman of the Board one year of the time; while about forty years he has been Justice of the Peace, performing the duties of that office most accep-



tably. In politics Mr. Anthony has been identified with the Republican party since its formation. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1848 for Zachary Taylor. Socially, he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1864. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the Universalist church, contributing liberally toward its support.

The accompanying portrait of Mr. Anthony adds greatly to the interest of this brief narration.

**G**EORGE H. HUFF, a well-known farmer residing in the town of Niles, Cayuga County, N.Y., District No. 8, was born in Sempronius, of which Niles was formerly a part, on July 11, 1853. His father was Harvey W. Huff, who was born in Cayuga County, December 21, 1827. His grandfather, Jonah Huff, born in Rockland County, New York, in 1805, son of an elder Jonah, whose birth was in 1782, was one of the early settlers in the town of Sempronius, where he bought a tract of land, and engaged in agriculture. His first dwelling was a log house, in which the family lived for a number of years. He afterward built a frame house, in which he has lived up to the present day, being now in his eighty-eighth year. Jonah Huff married Lydia Springer, and they reared four sons. Mrs. Huff is also still living, having arrived at the advanced age of ninety years, being two years older than Mr. Huff. Both of them, however, are hale and hearty. Mrs. Huff was born in Rensselaer County, New York, in 1804, a daughter of

David Springer, who was born in Rhode Island in 1776, and died in 1862. His father Benjamin, who died in 1821, was a son of Thomas Springer, born in 1722, and died in 1804; and Thomas was a son of Joseph, who was born in 1689, son of Lawrence Springer, the date of whose birth was 1655—a goodly line of ancestors, indeed.

Harvey W. Huff was reared to agricultural pursuits, and also in his younger days worked in a saw-mill and as a mason. He owned a saw-mill at New Hope, which he conducted for a number of years. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War, he enlisted in the service of his country, being mustered in at Auburn, August 20, 1862, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh New York Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and sent to the hospital. While there, he contracted small-pox, and died at Brandy Station, Va., on February 26, 1864, aged thirty-seven, leaving a wife and two children. Mrs. Huff, whose maiden name was Minerva Rounds, was afterward married to David Johnson, and is now residing in Wisconsin.

George H. Huff, who was but ten years old at the time of his father's death, was educated in the district schools, and when nine years of age began to work in his father's saw-mill, which was managed by his grandfather. He afterward worked on the farm and in a grist-mill. When fifteen years of age, he hired himself out to Robert Stoker, working on a farm for eight dollars a month, afterward working in a saw-mill for several years. In



1880 he moved onto his wife's farm, where he now resides, and followed general farming until 1889, when he rented his farm, and moved to Syracuse, where he ran a stationary engine for the Syracuse Plough Company, remaining with them for three years, and moving back to his present farm in 1893. He was married on February 25, 1874, to Hattie R. Jones, daughter of Abraham L. and Minerva (Ryan) Jones. Mr. Abraham L. and Mrs. Jones reared three children, namely: Charles, who died aged twenty years; Whitford, who died in his seventeenth year; and Hattie R., Mrs. Jones. The father of Abraham L. was Whitford Jones, a native of Rensselaer County, who married Rebecca Lewis, and reared one son and three daughters. The father of Mrs. Jones was Robert Ryan, a veteran of the War of 1812. He married Eleanor Hannah, and had a family of six sons and seven daughters.

Mr. Huff, together with his family, attends the Methodist Episcopal church at New Hope. He is a Republican in politics, and a devoted adherent of that party. He is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Moravia. He has one son, Ray M., born April 12, 1875. Although Mr. Huff's time is necessarily mostly taken up with his farming labors, he has nevertheless found opportunity to cultivate his talent for music. His dexterity in the manipulation of several different instruments has gained for him the name of "Professor" by his associates. The son is also a first-class violin player, doubtless deriving his talent from his gifted father.

ALFRED ALLEY, a substantial representative of the agricultural and business interests of the eastern part of Cayuga County, is the owner of a good farm in the town of Moravia, which is the place of his nativity, the date of his birth being February 22, 1840. During these intervening years he has spent a busy and useful life, being one of those persons occasionally met with who thoroughly enjoy downright active labor, both of mind and brain, and who by a judicious use of their native talents attain an assured position among the prosperous citizens of the community. His father, Henry Alley, was born in the town of Moravia; while his mother, whose maiden name was Sally Keeler, was of Massachusetts birth.

William Alley, the paternal grandfather of Alfred, was born in Dutchess County, New York, and, moving from there to this county toward the close of last century, became one of the first settlers of this part of New York. He was a farmer by occupation; and, taking advantage of the opening up of the lands here by the government, he purchased a tract heavily covered with timber, and by indefatigable industry cleared a comfortable homestead. His last years were spent in the village of Moravia, where his death occurred in 1850, when eighty-eight years of age. He married Phebe Dusenbury; and to them were born sixteen children, of whom Mrs. Phebe Barber, of the village of Moravia, is the only one now living. He was a man of strong individuality, liberal in his religious views, and a Whig in politics.



Henry Alley, son of William, was reared on a farm, and became very familiar with the various branches of agriculture; but, learning the trades of a cooper and of a mason in his youth and early manhood, he followed those occupations mostly during his life, and leased his farm. Being industrious and economical, and possessing excellent business qualifications, he obtained a leading position among the successful men of his day. He died in the village of Moravia, on October 13, 1881, his good wife, who survived him, peacefully passing to the other shore on April 18, 1890. They were both people of upright Christian character, he being liberal in his religious views, while she accepted the tenets of the Methodist church. To them were born a family of ten children, nine of whom are now living: James, deceased; Joseph; Mary J.; M. K.; John H.; Alfred; Lucinda; Virginia; Phebe; and Edgar.

Alfred Alley, the sixth of this household group, has been a life-long resident of Moravia. He obtained his education in its public schools, and, during the last half-century has taken pleasure and pride in watching its growth and advancing prosperity. In the days of his youth he became familiar with agricultural labors, in which he has been uninterruptedly engaged until the present time. He continued a member of the paternal home until his marriage, when he purchased the farm where he now resides. His purchase consisted of ninety-eight acres of arable land; and he has since turned his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement, and has

also dealt extensively in live stock, realizing handsome profits from that branch of business alone. His executive and financial abilities are of a high order; and he has accumulated a substantial property, being the owner of a business block and a residence in the village, besides his home estate. All of this is the result of patient industry, good management, and the exercise of sound judgment in his transactions. Mr. Alley is an esteemed citizen, and much interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the town. In politics he gives his earnest support to the Democratic party. He is a man of independent and liberal views, and neither he nor his estimable wife is a member of any religious organization.

On October 17, 1867, Mr. Alley was united in marriage with Miss Emma A. Parker, a native of the town of Niles. Her parents were William and Deborah V. (Gardner) Parker, the former of whom was born April 18, 1807, in Niles, and the latter in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, April 13, 1810.

The Parkers are of English ancestry; and on their family record is enrolled the name of Sir Peter Parker, the noted admiral who commanded a British fleet during the Revolutionary War.

George Parker, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Alley, was a native of Vermont, and a representative of one of the oldest and most honored families of that State. When only sixteen years of age, he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, in which his father and two of his brothers also fought in defence



of their country. After the close of that struggle for freedom, he and his father emigrated to Cayuga County, being among the original settlers. They bought a tract of land one mile square; but, after living on it three years, improving a little of it, they lost it, owing to a defective title. Not disheartened, however, Grandfather Parker acquired other land, and did brave pioneer work in opening up and clearing a creditable homestead from the uncultivated soil of the wilderness. It is to men of such calibre that the flourishing condition of this county, with its splendid farms, comfortable residences, fine churches, and substantial school buildings, is due. With perseverance and patience they uncomplainingly endured the trials of pioneer life, that they might develop the wonderful resources of this fruitful land, and make for themselves and their posterity pleasant homes. He was entirely dependent on his own labors for a living, but his courage never failed him; and ere his death, which occurred at the extremely advanced age of ninety-nine years, he was numbered among the solid men of the locality, owning a good farm in the town of Niles, where he resided for many years. When he first came to this region, game was abundant; and the native Indians roamed through the forests. They were mostly of the tribe known as the Five Nations, but they were soon after exterminated or put to flight by the efforts of Generals Wayne and Sullivan. Mrs. Alley's grandfather won an energetic and capable girl for his bride, who bravely shared his poverty; for at the time of

his marriage the wedding fee of fifty cents which he gave the minister was his sole capital. She ably assisted him in all of his labors, looking well after the affairs of the household, and by prudence and stringent economy they accumulated wealth; and to each of the nine children born of their union was given a farm, or its equivalent, on the death of the parents.

William Parker, Mrs. Alley's father, was one of the prosperous and intelligent farmers of Moravia, where he settled in 1847. He owned at one time two hundred acres of land, one of the most valuable pieces of property in the locality. He died in the village of Montville, in 1880, when about seventy-three. He was a valued and esteemed citizen, an ardent Republican in politics, and liberal and independent in his religious views. His widow, Mrs. Deborah V. Parker, is still enjoying life at the advanced age of eighty-five years, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alley. To her and her husband six children were born, who may be named as follows: Otis G. lives in Montville; Mrs. C. Augusta Ammerman lives in Moravia; Mrs. Emma A. Alley, also in Moravia; Mrs. Lydia L. Burlingham resides in Niles; Mrs. Helen O. Shimer lives in Sempronius; Charles D. Parker is a resident of Niles.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Alley no children have been born. They are genial and cultured people, and occupy a high social position in the community. Mr. Alley seems to have inherited a large share of the integrity of his parents, and has secured the confi-



dence of all with whom he has had dealings. In politics he is a loyal member of the Democratic party, and in religious matters both he and his wife are liberal and tolerant.

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**J**UDSON L. WHITE, one of the leading citizens of the town of Locke, and a prominent factor of its business interests, is with his partner, James M. Stewart, carrying on an extensive foreign and domestic trade in general produce, making a specialty of hay, of which they handle annually from eight to ten thousand tons. Mr. White, who is one of Cayuga County's most favored sons, was born in this town on September 22, 1853.

He is descended from an excellent family, the first representatives of whom settled in the State of Massachusetts at an early period in its history. His grandfather, Francis White, was of New England birth, and was a pioneer of Tompkins County in this State, where he engaged in general farming for several years. He subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, where he spent his last days, dying at the venerable age of fourscore and ten years. He married Hannah Ives; and of the three children born to them two are now living, namely: Allen White, of Pennsylvania; and Malvina, widow of Beula Howe, and a resident of Warsaw, N.Y.

Erastus White, the other son of Francis, was born in Dryden, Tompkins County, N.Y., and reared to farming pursuits. When a young man, he bought a farm of one hundred acres in the town of Locke, and, giving

careful attention to its improvement and cultivation, in due time had as good a homestead as could be found in this vicinity. His premature death, which occurred September 14, 1891, when only sixty-five years of age, was accidental, caused by the railway cars. He uniformly cast his vote with the Republican party, although otherwise taking no active part in politics. The maiden name of his wife, who survives him, and is now living in the village of Locke, of which she is a native, was Lois M. Harris. Their union was blessed by the birth of two children: Judson L.; and Frank H., a resident of Friendship, N.Y. Casey H., a step-son, who died in India, at the age of twenty-nine years, was a professional lion-tamer and lion-trainer, and possessed the power of subduing and taming the most ferocious beasts of the forest.

Mrs. White's father, Joseph Harris, was a native of Massachusetts, belonging to an honored family of that State. His father, Daniel Harris, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Joseph Harris came to this county in the early days of its settlement, in 1814, and, buying a large tract of land, became numbered among the most successful agriculturists of the town of Locke. This locality was then sparsely settled; and Albany was the most convenient market, the tedious trip to and fro consuming a good deal of time. On the homestead which he cleared from the unbroken forest he lived to a ripe old age, passing on to the life beyond when ninety-one years old. To him and his good wife, Eunice Harris, ten children were born, of whom the



following four are now living: Joseph and Alonzo, farmers, in the town of Locke; Huldah Ann, the widow of George Ferris, residing in Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Lois M. White, mother of the subject of this sketch.

Judson L. White, son of Erastus and Lois, grew to man's estate in the place of his nativity, and received a liberal education, attending the Groton Academy, also the union schools of Moravia. At the age of twenty-one years he started out in life for himself, engaging in the boot and shoe business excepting in the winter seasons, when he was employed as a teacher in the district school, following that profession seven terms. Selling out his boot and shoe business, Mr. White was a Keeper in the Auburn prison two years, when he resigned that position, and opened a store for general merchandise in the village of Locke. Disposing of his store in 1892, he formed a copartnership with Mr. Stewart; and, building his present large warehouse, which is forty feet by one hundred and twelve feet, they have since built up a large and lucrative trade, handling large quantities of produce of all kinds, and especially of hay, their principal selling-points being in the Southern States and in foreign markets, their sales amounting to one hundred thousand dollars each year. They are prepared to handle any commodity for which there is a demand, and to their other merchandise have recently dealt extensively in fertilizers, coal, and feed. Although comparatively new, this firm has already an established reputation, its members being wide-

awake, enterprising men, of good financial ability, courteous and honorable in their dealings with their patrons and friends, and occupying an important position among the representative business men of this community.

Mr. White has been twice married. He was first united in wedlock on September 19, 1878; to Emma Munger, a daughter of William and Sally Munger, esteemed residents of the town of Locke, where the father is successfully engaged in farming. Mrs. Emma M. White, who was a woman of superior attainments, passed on to the higher life January 29, 1886, after a brief life of twenty-eight years, leaving no issue. On February 17, 1887, Mr. White was married to Ora V. Dickson, who was born in the town of Rose, Wayne County. Her parents were the Hon. John J. and Jane Dickson, neither of whom is now living. Mr. and Mrs. White have one child, Reid D. White, whose birth occurred April 9, 1892. They occupy a cosy and comfortable home, where they entertain their many friends and acquaintances with a generous and cordial hospitality. Both are liberal in their religious belief, and everywhere esteemed for their kindness and benevolence. Politically, Mr. White is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party; and, since attaining his majority, he has served with great acceptance as Justice of the Peace, an office in which he is still the incumbent, and as Collector he served one year with fidelity. Socially, he is a member of Uskeep Lodge, No. 459, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Locke.



**J**OHN H. MOSHER, Vice-President and Director of the Cayuga County Farmers' Insurance Company, lives in the town of Conquest, near the centre. Intelligent and well-informed, no farmer in this region is better known or liked. As an exemplary and consistent member of the Methodist church at Spring Lake, in which he is a class leader, and has been for many years a Steward, he is greatly beloved by his fellow-members. In politics a Republican, he has served several terms as Overseer of the Poor.

To go back four generations, William Mosher, the great-grandfather of the subject of this brief biography, removed from Washington County, New York, with his son John to Butler, Wayne County, where for a while they were engaged in farming, and where John Mosher married Polly Burch. Their children were: Polly, who married Simon Healy; Anna, who became the wife of Jonathan Ingersoll; Sally, wife of Philip Wendover; John, Jr.; and Millins B. Mosher, who married Harriet Filkins. John Mosher, Sr., moved with his father William, then an aged man, from Butler to Java, Wyoming County, where they lived and died. John Mosher, Jr., who was born in Butler, having grown to manhood, and married, went with his family to Java in 1838, to care for the farm of his father, the first John. He had previously lived for a short time in Cayuga County; and in 1854, after the death of his father, he returned to the town of Conquest. He died at the home of his son, John H. Mosher, at the age of seventy-four, in May, 1889.

John Mosher, Jr., married on April 2, 1835, Margaret, daughter of Martin Gage, who was killed in the War of 1812; and they had five children, as follows: John H.; Eliza Jane, now deceased; E. Maria; Philip S.; and James M. The eldest daughter married William Thornton. Maria married Daniel Mosher. Philip S. married Matilda Snyder; and James M. married Mary Rossman. The mother aged eighty-four, is still living with her daughter in the West, and belongs to the Methodist church.

John H. Mosher, the third to bear the name of John, was born in Butler, Wayne County, January 13, 1836. He had the usual training in the district school and on the farm, mostly in the town of Java, and then went to work by the month, teaching school in winter, till he purchased a small farm, which later he exchanged for his present estate. On March 3, 1859, at the age of twenty-three, he married Caroline C. Cowell, daughter of John Cowell, of Albany County; and they have two children, both sons: Henry P., the elder, married to Flora Lewis, daughter of William Lewis, of Conquest; and William Sherman, married to Mary, the daughter of John McWithy, a prominent Victory farmer, and having one child, Henry Sherman, named for his father and uncle. Though this record is not long in print, it represents a large space in the life of the town.

**H**ENRY J. WHEELER. Safe to say none of the farmers and stock-raisers of Cayuga County have engaged in agriculture more industriously or with a bet-



ter practical knowledge of how to conduct their operations to the best advantage, and none bear a higher reputation as upright, straightforward men of business, than he whose name heads the present sketch. He is a true New Englander, having been born in Massachusetts on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1834; but, his parents having removed to Cayuga County while he was but an infant, he has no recollections of his native State. His parents, Cyrenus Wheeler, Sr., and Thirza Evans Wheeler, removed from their Eastern home, near the shores of the broad Atlantic, to Cayuga County in the year 1835, and, settling in the town of Venice, spent the remainder of their lives here, his mother passing away February 13, 1884, at the venerable age of fourscore and six years, and his father, who survived her, dying on the 4th of July, 1887. (For further parental history see sketch of Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr., which may be found in another part of this volume.)

The education of Henry J. Wheeler was acquired in the district schools, and in the academies of Aurora and Homer. Following in the footsteps of his honored father, he early chose farming as his occupation, and remained on the parental homestead to assist his father in its multitudinous labors, thus early in life becoming well acquainted with all things pertaining to general husbandry. As the father began to feel the infirmity of years drawing on, he gradually gave up the care of his property; and on his son, Henry J., fell the burden and supervision of the farm work.

The superior skill and excellent judgment with which he managed affairs are now apparent in the well-cultivated fields teeming with abundant harvests. After the death of his father at the extreme age of ninety-six years, Mr. Wheeler, who had ever resided on the old homestead, bought one-half of the estate of his brother Cyrenus, and now possesses one of the most valuable farms in this locality. It contains one hundred and fifty-four fertile acres, nearly all in pasture or tillage land, and yields a good yearly income.

Very soon after attaining his majority Mr. Wheeler assumed the responsibilities of domestic life, being united in wedlock on February 28, 1855, with Cornelia Culver. Into the home thus established two children, Mary and Thirza, came to gladden the hearts of their parents. Mary, who married Morgan Beardsley, died in 1888. Thirza became the wife of George B. Husted; and they have one child, a daughter, named Mary Wheeler Husted. Mr. and Mrs. Husted reside on her father's homestead, and are valued members of the household, their little daughter being the pet of all. The parents of Mrs. Wheeler were Anson and Sarah (Kellet) Culver, her father having been a son of Ozias B. Culver, who was born in Connecticut in 1800, and of his wife, Lydia Swift Culver, who was a native of Dutchess County, Ozias being a son of Benjamin Culver, who, in turn, was a son of Ebenezer Culver. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wheeler were John and Hannah (VanOrman) Kellet, of England and Holland respectively.



In politics Mr. Wheeler has always been identified with the Republican party; and, although no office-seeker, he takes an intelligent interest in local and national affairs, and willingly aids any enterprise for the public benefit. His first Presidential vote, which he cast in 1856, was for John C. Fremont.

**W**ILLIAM J. H. PARKER, Cashier of the First National Bank of Moravia, N.Y., was born in this town on November 23, 1851, and is the son of the Hon. John L. Parker. He received his education at the common and high schools of his native place, and was afterward engaged as clerk in different stores. In 1866-67 he was a messenger for the Railroad Committee of the State Assembly at Albany. In 1872 he was Post-office Messenger for the Senate, and in 1873 was Deputy Clerk of the Assembly, again occupying that position in 1876. In May, 1876, he formed a partnership with J. Fitch Walker in the insurance and real estate business, which he continued until he came into the employment of the bank in the same year. His first position in this institution was that of book-keeper and clerk, being made Assistant Cashier after four years, and Cashier in April, 1891, on the death of Mr. L. Fitts, the former Cashier. The First National Bank of Moravia occupies fine quarters on Main Street, which they purchased and remodelled in 1893, putting in all the latest improvements that are in use in a banking office. Mr. Parker is one of the Directors of

the bank, being also a Director of the Selover Milling Company, and a Director as well as one of the organizers of the Electric Light Company.

Mr. Parker occupied the position of Clerk of the Village for thirteen years, and was elected Supervisor of the Town on the Republican ticket in 1889, having a very large majority at the polls, and was re-elected in 1890, 1891, and 1892, serving for four years. In 1891 he was Chairman of the Board, and every other year was on the Committee of Equalization, taking a prominent part in the proceedings of the Board.

Mr. Parker was married on October 31, 1872, to Miss Mary Estelle Tallman, a daughter of William Tallman, of this village. They have two children—Pearl and Edith. The family are supporters of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Parker is a Vestryman.

Fraternally, Mr. Parker is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of which he was Master in 1886 and 1887, and is now Treasurer. He is a member of Saint John's Chapter, No. 30, of which he has been Secretary for six years. He also belongs to the Salem Town Commandery of Auburn, and to the Knights of Pythias of Moravia, of which he is a charter member. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been connected with the fire department since its organization, being Treasurer of the same since 1879. Mr. Parker has taken a very active part in politics in Moravia, being a supporter of the Republican party. He is an exceedingly bright and ca-



pable business man, his natural capacities having been so developed by education and experience as eminently to fit him for the high and honorable positions which he has creditably filled to the entire satisfaction of his townsmen.

**H**ON. THOMAS HUNTER is one of the leading men in his section of Cayuga County. In every sense he is self-made, and by his own efforts has reached the top of the ladder. Although a very busy man, he is always affable, and willing to spare an hour to one who comes with something worth his attention. Indeed, both with time and money he is generous to a fault.

Fortunately the main steps of his descent can here be traced for a few generations. The great-grandfather was Scotch, and probably spent his life in his native kingdom; but one of his sons must have migrated from Scotland, for Thomas, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, is found to have been the possessor of the endless lease of a large estate in Antrim, Ireland, whereon the work was done wholly by employees under his direction. There he died, at the age of sixty; and there his son James was born in 1797, three years before the present century dawned.

This son James, the first one of the family who came to America, sailed for Philadelphia when a youth of twenty. On the voyage he made the acquaintance of another son of Erin, who persuaded him to assist in tobacco-smuggling. They went so far as to embark on a return voyage with a quantity of the weed;

but the fraud was detected, and the goods confiscated by the English government. It happened that Hunter and his partner were the only Irish passengers aboard, all the others being Americans; and perhaps this is why the offenders escaped imprisonment, through the intercession of the ship's captain. This adventure cured James of smuggling, but not of his desire to hazard his fortunes in the New World; so he again crossed the seas, landed in Baltimore, and there learned the trade of stone-cutting, which he followed till he reached middle life; but the hard times of 1837 resulted in his leaving Maryland, and purchasing a tract of land in Sterling, N.Y., where his death, in 1852, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five, was caused by overwork and exposure. His wife was Isabella Crockett, one of the seven children of James and Elizabeth Crockett, who emigrated from Donegal, Ireland. Mrs. James Hunter outlived her husband thirty years, dying at the home of her son in Sterling Valley, in 1882, aged eighty-seven. James Hunter was a well-read man, and kept posted in the affairs of his day; yet he never cast but one vote, and that was for Andrew Jackson—chiefly because the family belonged to the old Scotch Covenanter (or Reformed Presbyterian) church, whose rules prohibit its members from voting. He and his wife began their married life with nothing but strength and health, and whatever they accumulated was the result of their united efforts. Their four children were born in Baltimore before the removal to Sterling, and were: John; Mar-



garet; Thomas, named for his grandfather Hunter; and James Crockett, bearing his father's Christian and his mother's family name.

The Hon. Thomas Hunter was born in Baltimore, September 11, 1834, and was a little boy of four when the family came North in 1838. He followed his father's example by leaving home early, for at seventeen he went to work on the railroad as a laborer at a dollar a day. At the end of a year, however, he was advanced to the position of foreman in the construction department, and worked five years on the Manassas Gap Railroad, Virginia, in the employ of Crockett & Hunter, the firm with which his elder brother John was connected. In 1857, at the age of twenty-three, owing to the renewed stagnation in business, caused by another financial panic, Thomas returned to Sterling Valley, where he united with his brother in buying a grist and saw mill, which they conducted till 1860, when the renewal of public enterprise led to his return to the Manassas Gap Railroad, as foreman for his uncle, Samuel Crockett, a position he retained till the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion in 1861, when he was nearly twenty-seven years old, in the very prime of young manhood. Being ordered by the rebels to take a wagon train of corn to Manassas Junction, he seized the opportunity to escape from their clutches, and dropped into the camp of the Nineteenth New York Volunteers at Berlin, Md., whence he reached home with only the clothes on his back and seven dollars and fifty cents in his pocket.

All he had saved in the South being lost by the depreciation of the currency, he stayed at home and worked a year for his brother John; but in 1862, September 9, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment of New York Volunteers as a private. They remained in the camp of instruction till November 15, when they were ordered aboard ship, and went to Hampton Roads, where they lay three weeks. The regiment being detailed as part of General Banks's expedition from New Orleans up the river, Hunter was sent to Carrollton, La., and thence up the Teche to Berwick's Bay and Brashear City. In April, 1863, he was in the battle of Bisland, and at the Opelousas victory, and was with the army when the capital of Louisiana was captured. In May, 1863, his regiment was sent to Alexandria, on the Red River, and thence to Port Hudson, where they took part in the successful siege, and lost several men. Then they went to New Iberia, to Franklin, to New Orleans, and finally to the Dry Tortugas, where they were compelled to be on duty until the war was over, but not in idleness. With a special detachment of troops he was appointed to encourage and receive refugees seeking Union protection along the coast of Florida. His headquarters were at St. Vincent Island, near Apalachicola. Obtaining authority from the War Department, he succeeded in enlisting nearly six hundred men, whom he organized into the Second Florida Cavalry, of which he was offered the command; but, preferring to be relieved of this onerous though honorable duty, he was sent



back to the Tortugas on July 2, 1864, after an absence of four months. And there he remained till his discharge, August 31, 1865, with the rank of Captain, an honor he had received the year previous.

Immediately after his discharge he returned to his old home in Sterling. Resuming his former interest of the old saw-mill, he also bought three others, and ran a lumber-yard till 1872, when he took a contract to finish a portion of the Southern Central Railroad, and another on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad. These were followed by another contract for railroad work near Rochester; and in 1875 he agreed to ballast the road, and lay the rails from Ontario to Charlotte. Subsequently he laid four tracks on the Central Railroad, from Syracuse to Clyde, and built an aqueduct on the Welland Canal, at Welland, Ont. For two years he filled a contract on the West Shore line. Besides these contracts he also built the railroad from Kendall to Lewiston. A staunch Republican in politics, in the fall of 1880 he was elected to the legislature, and served for two years, being at the capitol during the Conkling and Platt controversy, which lasted from January till July. This service over, he went to Pennsylvania to build the Beach Creek and Southwestern Railroad, of which he completed nineteen miles in one year. He also ballasted the Syracuse, Geneva & Corning Road. In 1888 he went to Missouri to build the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, which ended his career in this direction. Having been Supervisor in 1888, he was the next year

elected to the State Senate, and continued in this position four years, during which he was familiar with the exploits of David B. Hill in stealing that body. At the present time Mr. Hunter has the oversight of a tannery, in which he is chief capitalist, holds an interest in the furniture business at Oswego, and owns a half-dozen farms. He is Vice-President of the Hunter Arms Company at Fulton in Oswego County, a large concern, owned largely by the Hunter family, and is the oldest Director in the Cayuga County National Bank at Auburn.

In 1867, at the age of thirty-three, after his return from the war, he married Margaret A. Duquid, a native of Sterling, and the daughter of Alexander Duquid, from Washington County. Her grandfather, George Duquid, lived and died in Schenectady, and was a farmer like his father. He was born April 20, 1803, and became a pioneer in Cayuga County, coming thither in 1825. He married two years later Maria Cooper, who was born in 1805. Mrs. George Duquid died in Sterling Valley, at sixty-eight, in the home of her daughter Margaret, where Mr. Duquid also died, at the age of seventy. Both were members of the Covenanter church. They had three children: Sarah, married to J. B. Chappell, of whom a sketch appears in this volume; George, a business man in Sterling; and Margaret, Mrs. Hunter.

Thomas and Margaret (Duquid) Hunter have six children: Louis R., aged twenty-six, engaged in banking, and married to Jessie Fish, of Newcastle, N.B., by whom he is the father of one child, the fourth to bear the



family name of Thomas; Isabella Crockett, aged twenty-four, married to Charles F. Wayte, the proprietor of a grist-mill at Sterling Valley, a sketch of whom may be found elsewhere in this volume; Barbara, aged twenty-one; Marion Harvey, aged nineteen, and a graduate of the Oswego High School; Margaret C., named for her mother, and aged sixteen; Thomas M., aged twelve.

Mr. Hunter belongs to Hudson Post, No. 159, of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, to the Loyal Legion Commandery, and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Faithful to the family traditions, the Hunters attend the Covenanter church, to which most of them belong; and their pluck shows a goodly inheritance of sturdy Scotch blood.

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**F**B. ROUNDS, a well-known resident of the village of New Hope in the town of Niles, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in this town, about one mile south of his present residence, on January 11, 1843, and is the son of Horace Rounds, who is a native of Vermont, the grandfather Reuben being also a native of the same State. The early ancestors of the Rounds family were Irish, and came to this country many years ago. Reuben Rounds, who was a farmer by occupation, emigrated in 1855 from Vermont to Wisconsin, where he purchased land near Oshkosh, dying at that place in his eighty-sixth year. He was married to Avis Brown, ten sons and four daughters being the fruit of the union.

Horace Rounds was the second son. He was brought up in Vermont as a farmer, and removed in 1821 to New York State, coming overland with a team. He spent a short time with an uncle residing in the vicinity of New Hope, and worked awhile by the month, afterward purchasing one hundred and thirty acres of timber-land which he cleared, building thereon a log house and barn, cultivating his land with success for about ten years. He then sold that farm, and purchased another of one hundred and forty acres, half of which was timber-land. After living thereon for twenty years, he sold one hundred acres of it, and moved to the village of New Hope, where he bought a grist and saw mill, also renting a store. He successfully operated the mills for fifteen years, when he sold them, and moved to Moravia, where he is now living a retired life at the advanced age of ninety-one years, being well preserved and active. He represented the town of Niles on the Board of Supervisors in 1861 and 1862, again occupying that position in 1870. He married Hannah Brown, a daughter of Elijah and Betsey (Greenfield) Brown, natives of New Hampshire. They had seven children, namely: Minerva, Cordelia, Rhoda, Lucy, Ann, E. B., and Charles. Of these five are now living.

The subject of this sketch was educated at the district schools of Niles, and in the academy at Homer, and for a short time taught school. When quite young, he was of material assistance to his father in the mill, which he had charge of for a time. In 1868 the father sold the mill to his son and his



brother-in-law, Smith Cheney, the firm being known as Cheney & Rounds. On the death of Mr. Cheney, five years later, Mr. Rounds absorbed his interest in the business, which he has successfully conducted up to the present time, besides being interested in the undertaking business. He represented his town on the Board of Supervisors in 1878 and 1879, and again in 1892 and 1893, being re-elected in 1894. He was married in October, 1867, to Helen Moseman, a daughter of Ezra and Eliza (Ryan) Moseman. Mrs. Rounds died in 1876, aged thirty-one years, leaving one son, Charles. Mr. Rounds again married, in April, 1881, Julia A. Brown, daughter of Oscar and Ann E. (Loomis) Brown, of Niles. They have one son, William. Mr. Rounds cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln on his second term, and has always been an active worker with the Republican party. Mr. Rounds owes his success as a business man to his own unaided efforts, and is widely known as a man of the strictest probity and honor.

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**M**ENZO A. BROWN, an enterprising farmer of the town of Fleming, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born on February 12, 1831, in Herkimer County, New York, which was also the birth-place of his father and grandfather, Seaber and Peter Brown. His great-grandfather, Conrad S. Brown, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to America and settled in Herkimer County. Peter Brown, son of

Conrad and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, owned in that county so extensive a farm, about six hundred acres, that he laid on it a railroad track a mile long, which he utilized in his agricultural operations. He also kept many running horses, and had several boats which were employed on the canal.

Seaber Brown, son of Peter, followed his trade of carpenter and joiner in his native county for some years. Afterward moving to Oswego County, he bought a farm in the town of Hannibal, and erected upon it a fine house and barn. He remained upon the farm for five years, when he sold the property, and came with his family to Fleming, Cayuga County, buying a tract of land which he farmed for about eight years. At the expiration of that time he sold the land, and moved to the city of Auburn, where he erected a fine residence on Sherman Street, and spent his last years there, departing this life at the age of sixty-nine. Mr. Seaber Brown was married to Miss Margarett Decker, of Herkimer County; and they reared three children — Menzo A., Charlotte Anne, and Lucy M. Brown.

Menzo A. Brown was the only son of his parents. He was educated in the district schools of his native place, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. On arriving at manhood he purchased a small place in Scipio, upon which was a log house, and afterward rented nine acres adjoining his farm. He remained here, however, but one year, when he sold out, and returned to Fleming, buying a farm of forty-eight acres, which he tilled suc-



cessfully for seven years. He then removed to Ledyard, and sojourned in that town for two years, at the end of which period he again returned to Fleming, and bought a farm of seventy acres, not to keep long, however, but to sell. After disposing of that property, he removed to Auburn. Later he lived for eight years in what was known as the "Four Mile House." He then bought his present property. He and his wife together own a farm of sixty-five acres, upon which are two fine farm buildings. They live upon a portion of the land, and rent the rest.

Mr. Brown was married on February 12, 1856, to Miss Sarah Smith, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Mr. Samuel H. Smith; and they have reared four children, namely: Samuel S., Ida I., Edgar A., and Maria L. Samuel is unmarried. Ida I. is the wife of Jacob Coleman, a painter and paper-hanger of Marcellus, and has two children — Clarence and Grayson. Edgar A. married Miss Etta A. Coleman, and resides at Gloversville, N.Y., where he follows his trade of a leather finisher. Maria L. married Elman F. Campbell, residing at Fleming; and they have one child — Lula A. For Mrs. Brown's ancestry see Genealogy of Samuel H. Smith, of Wrightstown, Pa., by Josiah B. Smith, of Newtown, Pa., 1883.

Mr. Menzo A. Brown was a Democrat in politics up to 1884, when he changed his political complexion, and now votes the Republican ticket. He has never been an aspirant for public office, devoting his whole time to his agricultural interests, being known

throughout the county as an enterprising and successful farmer and a worthy citizen.

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JAMES A. WRIGHT, attorney and counsellor-at-law, Moravia, N.Y., where he has been in active practice since 1869, was born near the village of Moravia, May 4, 1838, and is the son of Chauncey and Mary (Locke) Wright. The father was born in Williamstown, Mass., in 1796, and came to Moravia with his parents in 1797. The paternal grandfather, David Wright, who was one of the early pioneers of this county, bought land just north of the village, where he made his home, farming his land and plying his trade of a shoemaker. He was a well-educated man, and in addition to his other duties found time to teach the younger generation in the village school. He opened the first store in Moravia in 1800, near the Quaker meeting-house. David Wright died August 17, 1869, at the advanced age of ninety-five years and six months, and left the following family: Irene, wife of Peter R. Robinson; Mrs. Cynthia Howard; Chauncey; Riley E.; and Sophia, wife of Isaac Cady.

Chauncey Wright was educated in Moravia, and after the completion of his schooling learned the trade of a brick-maker, and carried on a large brick-yard near Moravia for many years, he being the first man to engage in that business in the locality. Later in life he retired from active affairs, and took up his residence on the farm. Mrs. Wright was a daughter of John Locke, and was a native of



Moravia. She was a finely educated woman, and for several years taught school. She reared a family of four children, namely: Franklin D., an attorney of Auburn; Caroline, now deceased; James A., the subject of this biographical sketch; and George L., now a resident of New York City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright were among the early members and ardent supporters of the First Congregational Church. The parents of Mrs. Wright were John and Esther Locke, who came here from Connecticut. Mr. Locke was accidentally killed on February 22, 1807. He left a widow and the following family of children: Esther, wife of John H. Parker; Lucy A., wife of Allen Wood; Betsy, wife of John Kies; Mary; James; John; and Henry Locke.

James A. Wright received his early education in the district schools of his native village and at the Moravia Institute, a prominent local institution of learning, of which his father, Mr. Chauncey Wright, was a Trustee for many years. In his early manhood James taught school for some time, and afterward read law with Wright & Waters, of Cortland, N.Y., the Wright of that firm being his brother, F. D., who is now located at Auburn. On June 6, 1864, he was admitted to the bar by examination held at Binghamton, his first location for business being the town of Waverly, N.Y., where he practised until April, 1868, when he returned to Moravia, and formed a partnership with J. L. Parker, the association continuing until 1870, since which time Mr. Wright has practised alone.

Mr. Wright has been a Justice of the Peace for twelve years, and was elected Special Surrogate of the county on the Republican ticket, which office he filled for one term, giving general satisfaction. Mr. Wright has always been an active worker in the Republican ranks since the days of Abraham Lincoln, for whom he cast his first Presidential ballot, and has stumped the country during many of the active campaigns. He has a very large practice, to which he gives most of his attention, and is noted as being one of the most forceful and well-read lawyers of the Cayuga County bar.

October 24, 1868, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Rose, of Waverly, N.Y., three children being the fruit of the union, namely: Charles A., who is now a student in Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; Nellie R., who received her education at the Moravia High School; and Harry F. Wright. The old homestead is still retained, the family making it their residence, a home of refinement and cultured taste. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Congregational church, in which body Mr. Wright has held various official positions.

Mr. Wright is the author of a "History of the Town of Moravia," a book of two hundred and eighty-nine pages, duodecimo, which was published by himself. It is a work of much merit, and has met with a large and ready sale. He has gathered together incidents in the history of the town from living members, which would otherwise undoubtedly have been lost. It is a most pleasingly written book,



giving full facts in regard to the settlement of the early families in the town. It has been purchased by residents of the town, and also by others who have now left this vicinity and gone elsewhere, but who still feel a great interest in their native place. Mr. Wright is a scholarly man and a deep thinker, and is held in the highest esteem and respect by all members of society.

REV. HENRY C. MOYER, pastor of the Wall Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Auburn, N.Y., was born in Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pa., October 14, 1836, and is the son of John and Mary (Hartranft) Moyer. Mr. Moyer comes of distinguished ancestry both on the father's and mother's side. The advent of the Moyer family into this country dates from the middle of the eighteenth century. Michael Moyer, born 1737, a farmer in Berks County, Pennsylvania, was engaged in the purchase of horses for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Valentine, fifth son of Michael, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1777, removed to Columbia County, Pennsylvania, dying in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in 1825. John, second son of Valentine, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1812, lived in Columbia, Northumberland, and Lycoming Counties, Pennsylvania, and died in Tioga Centre, N.Y., in 1891.

John Moyer, father of the subject of this sketch, had a meagre education, but nevertheless was a man of good ability. Upon arriv-

ing at maturity, he removed to Turbotville, Pa., where he married. He was a member of the German Reformed church. His wife, Mrs. Mary Hartranft Moyer was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1814, a daughter of Andrew Hartranft. She was a member of the Lutheran church till late in life, when she became a Methodist. She died at Trout Run, Pa., in 1878, leaving a family of nine children.

The first of the name of Hartranft who came to this country was Tobias Hartranft, who emigrated from Germany in 1734. He was one of the followers of Kasper von Schwenkfeld, an earnest advocate of the Reformation. In 1719 the Jesuits endeavored to effect the conversion of this people; but, failing, they reduced them to a state of slavery. They fled into Lusatia and other parts of Saxony; but, protection being withdrawn there after eight years, in 1734 a number of them emigrated to Altona, Denmark. Many others by permission of the English government came to Pennsylvania; and, though in 1742 they were invited back to Silesia, with the promise of the return of their estates and the full enjoyment of toleration, none could ever be induced to return. They celebrated their arrival in Pennsylvania by a festival "in grateful memory of all mercies and divine favors manifested to them by the Father of Mercies." The English required the oath of allegiance; and in the Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, volume 3, page 614, is found this statement, "September 12, 1734, on Ship 'St. Andrew,' from Rotterdam via Plymouth,



eighty-nine families." The name of Tobias Hartranft occurs in the list. Abraham, son of Tobias, was born in Germany, coming to this country when he was six years of age. John, son of Abraham, was born near Philadelphia, Pa., in 1753. Andrew, son of John and father of Mrs. Moyer, was born near Philadelphia, Pa., in 1875, and died in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1830.

The Rev. Henry C. Moyer received his early education at the common schools, afterward attending the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa. It was during his Junior year at the seminary that the Civil War broke out; and his patriotism was such that six days after the first call for troops he joined Company A, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was sent to the Shenandoah Valley, and was in the skirmish of Falling Waters. After his first three months' service he was in the Provost Marshal's office at Williamsport, Pa. He served in the Gettysburg campaign, re-enlisting in Company B, Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and upon the conclusion of that campaign was mustered out of service. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Moyer became a Professor in the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, having charge of the scientific department until 1870, a period of seven years. During that time he was an earnest student, especially in mathematics and natural science; and, upon leaving the seminary, he became Principal of the Canton High School at Canton, Bradford County, Pa., con-

tinuing there two years. He then entered the ministry, joining the Central New York Conference, held at Weedsport, October, 1873, and was assigned to Charleston charge, and thence to Osceola, and later to Mansfield, Pa. He subsequently had charges successively at Troy, Pa., and at Watkins, Ovid, Moravia, Palmyra, and Auburn, N.Y. Mr. Moyer has held the position of examiner on the Board of Examiners, and also has been on the Board of Stewards of the Conference. For a number of years he has been an Assistant Secretary of the Conference, and for the last two years Statistical Secretary. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been Chaplain of the post in nearly every place where he has been located.

On December 24, 1863, the Rev. Henry C. Moyer was married to Miss Elizabeth Cramer, of Williamsport, Pa., daughter of John and Rachel Cramer, her father being an old settler and business man of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have three children, namely: Mary Frances, wife of Seymour C. Ketchum, of Moravia, N.Y.; Jennie, who is a teacher in the Palmyra schools; and Wilson C., a business man of Moravia.

The Rev. Mr. Moyer is one of the most active and popular clergymen in Auburn. He is a man of broad and enlightened views on all questions of the day, and a brilliant and forceful pulpit orator. In his work he has been eminently successful in the payment of church debts, notably at Mansfield, Pa., and Watkins, N.Y. At Watkins he raised several thousand dollars, thus preventing the foreclos-



ure of a mortgage and the loss of a valuable property. In the matter of membership he has also been successful. On every charge there has been a healthy increase, and in some instances to an extent marked and substantial.

**N**ELSON PERRY BURKE, one of the few surviving members of the band of early settlers of Cayuga County, is a resident of the town of Cato, ripe in honors as well as years. A man of foresight and energy, he has long been prominent in matters pertaining to the development and progress of this region of the country, ever aiding and encouraging every enterprise for the public benefit; and now, in his declining years, he is held in that respect and reverence accorded those whose lives have been distinguished by integrity and usefulness. By his own unaided efforts he has advanced from a modest beginning to a good position, both socially and financially, among his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Burke was born on January 17, 1814, on the east side of the Green Mountains in the State of Vermont. His grandfather, John Burke, was born in the Emerald Isle, where he grew to maturity, and was subsequently pressed into the service of the English Navy. After serving there awhile he escaped, and, emigrating to America, joined the patriot forces, and was one of the brave band under General Stark who won the battle of Bennington. He served in Washington's army till the close of the Revolution, and afterward

settled in Vermont, where he engaged in farming, dying there at the venerable age of eighty years. In the mean time, longing for the familiar scenes of his childhood, he visited Ireland, and on his return brought some potatoes to plant on his Vermont farm. This variety of potato is still in existence, and is known as the Burke potato.

John Burke, Jr., son of the emigrant, married Betsey Green, who like himself was born and bred in the Green Mountain State. There, too, they were married. From Vermont they migrated to this State in 1817, settling in the town of Marcellus, in Onondaga County, where they spent several years. Going thence to Michigan, they were among the pioneers of that State, and, improving a homestead there, spent their last years on their farm, he dying at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife at sixty-four years of age. He was a man of strong convictions, very firm in his religious views, and reared his children under a strict and rigid discipline. Of the nine children born unto him and his good wife only two are now living: Nelson Perry; and Mrs. Electa L. Goodrich, of Fairport, N.Y.

Nelson Perry Burke, who was but three years old when his parents removed to Marcellus, received his education in the district schools and in a subscription school, where each family paid according to the number of pupils sent from its household. He remained at home until seventeen years of age, when he began the battle of life on his own account, and the following summer worked as a farm



laborer for Levi Parsons, receiving eight dollars a month wages. As soon as he had accumulated a little money, he invested it in real estate in Marcellus, where he engaged in farming for a short time. In 1832 or 1833 he came to Cayuga County, and, having sold his property in Marcellus, bought one hundred acres of land in the town of Cato, on which there were no improvements. Deer and other wild game were to be found, and the land was covered with a heavy growth of timber. Having cleared a goodly portion of it, he sold that and purchased another tract of land containing sixty acres, from which he improved a valuable farm, and lived thereon many years. In 1868 Mr. Burke purchased the homestead where he now resides; and by excellent management he has brought it to its present high state of culture, making it one of the most valuable estates in this part of the county. It contains two hundred acres of rich and fertile land, on which he has made many and substantial improvements, and carries on general farming on an extensive scale, being considered one of the most prosperous farmers of this vicinity. His residence is a handsome and commodious one, and is known far and wide for the open hospitality and geniality of its inmates.

The marriage ceremony which united the destinies of Mr. Burke and Miss Fanny Olmsted took place January 8, 1846. Mrs. Burke was a native of Cato, being the daughter of John R. and Rachel (Sturge) Olmsted, who were early settlers of the town of Cato, where Mr. Olmsted was numbered among the influ-

ential citizens, and served for a number of years as Justice of the Peace. Nelson P. Burke and his wife reared seven children, of whom the four now living are as follows: Willfred M., a farmer in Cato; Ann, the wife of District Attorney Robert L. Drummond; Sarah L., the widow of Charles Ferris, and the remaining sister, Rose Bel, who live at home with their father. A daughter Lorana died at the age of fourteen years; Bettie, when only thirteen years old; and a son, Volney E., at the age of thirty-five years. The family of Mr. Burke was also doubly bereaved when on June 16, 1888, Mrs. Burke, the kind wife, good mother, and faithful friend, a woman of exceptionally fine character, passed on to meet the loved ones on the other shore.

Mr. Burke has taken an important part in the management of local affairs, and has held the various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, among others being that of Highway Commissioner and Supervisor, which he has held two terms. His financial ability and honesty are so widely recognized that he has often been called upon to settle estates for his neighbors, which he has done most satisfactorily. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has never missed a vote since casting his first ballot. He has always been opposed to slavery; and during the late Civil War he contributed liberally to the cause of the Union. He is broad and liberal in his religious views, and lives a sincere and worthy life. Socially, he is a member of the Union Grange, No. 718, at Meridian.



**H**IRAM WEBSTER, a successful farmer of Aurelius, who here first opened his eyes to the light of this world on June 12, 1827, is deserving of honorable mention in this volume. He is a son of the late Charles I. Webster, whose birth occurred in Haverhill, N.H., on March 23, 1789, and a grandson of Nathan E. Webster, who was also a native of New England. For further ancestral history see sketch of Jerome B. Webster, which appears on another page.

Charles I. Webster was a farmer by occupation. He married Arvilla Fish, who was born on July 31, 1802; and they had eighteen children, sixteen of whom grew to adult age, and fourteen are still living. Their names are as follows: Nathan E.; Cynthia E.; William; James V.; Ellen M.; Ira O.; Hiram; Louisa; George; Mary M.; Sophia J.; Jerome B. and George W., twins; Margaret E.; Juliet A.; Flavius J.; Thomas J.; and Frances A.

Nathan E. Webster was born, educated, and married among New Hampshire's verdant hills; but, being persuaded that the undeveloped country of the Western frontier offered a better field of labor for the young and enterprising farmer than the rugged and rocky country of his native State, he emigrated with his family to Broome County, New York, casting his lot with the pioneers of the town of Lisle. A short time afterward he removed to Cayuga County, becoming one of the earliest settlers of Aurelius, where his experiences were identical with those of many others who came here when the land was in its virgin

state, covered with dense forests, and who assisted in its development, and watched with satisfaction its continual growth. The old pioneers of that time had many obstacles to encounter and overcome in their work of transforming the wilderness into tillable land, converting the wastes into productive farms. There being no convenient markets, all their produce had to be carried to Albany, a long and difficult journey; and, money being a scarce article, all hired help was paid in the productions of the land. All members of the household wore garments of homespun, the outer garments being of linen or wool, while all underclothing was made from homespun linen. Mr. Nathan E. married a Miss Pitcher, a native of Connecticut, who faithfully performed her share of the labor attendant upon establishing a home in a new country; and both spent their last years in this county, he passing away from the scene of his earthly labors in the town of Scipio, and she in Aurelius. He was a carpenter by trade. He served in the Revolution in the New England troops, with the rank of Captain; and his son, Charles I., served in the War of 1812.

Hiram Webster was the seventh child and the fifth son of the large family of children born to his parents, Charles I. and Arvilla (Fish) Webster. He acquired his early knowledge of books in the common schools of Throop and Aurelius, and, when at home, had a certain portion of the farm work to attend to. He thus early gained a practical knowledge of agricultural labors, and became from choice a tiller of the soil. He remained on



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the parental homestead for several years, working for his father, and finally, in company with his brother Nathan, purchased a part of the home farm of his father, where he has since resided. He has by constant, active energy, directed by sound judgment, continually added to its improvement, having erected a new house and a substantial set of farm buildings, and, besides placing the larger part of his land under good cultivation, has put in about thirteen miles of stone and tile ditching, performing the entire labor himself with the assistance of his brother Nathan. Mr. Webster's unabated industry and progressive enterprise have been liberally rewarded, his fine farm being one of the most attractive in the vicinity, yielding him rich returns for his years of unceasing toil.

The marriage of Mr. Webster with Jerusha J. Farnam, daughter of William and Lydia (Allen) Farnam, took place on January 2, 1850. Of this happy union one child was born, a son named Elmer S., who lives at home, and now manages the work of the farm. He married Grace L., daughter of Charles and Frances (Austin) Underwood, of Aurelius; and to them have been born three bright and interesting children — Benjamin G., Henry U., and Mattie A. Mr. Hiram Webster and his estimable wife are genial, pleasant people, of high moral principles, and held in much esteem by all who enjoy their acquaintance and friendship. Mrs. Webster is a member of the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Webster is a strong Republican, having sustained the principles of that party since its

formation, although he was a Democrat until the nomination of John C. Fremont for the Presidency.

**J** SPRAGUE MORLEY. Among the men of solid worth in Cayuga County the gentleman whose name is placed at the head of this sketch occupies an honorable position, being an esteemed representative of the legal profession in the village of Meridian, and a man of high moral principles, whose many excellent traits of character have made him popular with all classes of people, and won for him the respect and regard of the entire community in which he dwells. He is a native of New York, his birth having occurred December 7, 1826, in the town of Pompey, Onondaga County, and is a son of the late Chester and Ann (Sprague) Morley, the former of whom was born in Hartford, Conn., April 19, 1799, and the latter, March 19, 1803.

Mr. Morley is of sturdy Scotch ancestry, and can trace his ancestry, both maternal and paternal, back for many generations. He has in his possession one of the most complete genealogical records of the Sprague family that was ever compiled. The first member of the Morley family to leave bonnie Scotland for the wilds of America came over with the Puritans, arriving here soon after the "Mayflower"; and since that time the Morleys have always held an honored place among the influential and patriotic citizens of this great republic. Ebenezer Morley, the great-grandfather of J. Sprague Morley, left his home and



family, the latter consisting of a wife and two sons, Eben and Gideon, to serve in the defence of his country in the war of the Revolution; and, never having been heard from afterward, it is supposed that he died on board the British prison-ship in New York Bay.

Gideon Morley, son of Ebenezer, was born in Hartford, Conn., April 2, 1762. He was a farmer by occupation; and some time after his marriage he removed to the Empire State, and became one of the earliest settlers of Onondaga County. He was energetic and enterprising, and labored hard to reclaim a homestead from the dense wilderness. Neither railways nor canals then traversed the country, and the pioneer oftentimes had a hard struggle for existence. Albany was the nearest market for the sale of their farm produce; and in the possession of the Morley family is a Bible in which is kept the family record, and which is especially valued as having been bought by Gideon Morley, in 1819, from the proceeds of a load of wheat that he teamed to that city. On April 4, 1792, a little over one hundred years ago, Grandfather Gideon Morley married Roxanna Kinney, who was born in Connecticut on April 3, 1773. They reared a family of ten children. Eli K. Morley, who lived in Lysander, Onondaga County, to the advanced age of eighty-two years, being the last surviving member of the parental household, died in the spring of 1894.

Chester Morley, son of Gideon and Roxanna, was a farmer by occupation, and, although not one of the original settlers of this

county, did a good deal of pioneer labor here after his settlement in Cato in 1832. He bought a tract of timbered land, about three and one-half miles from the village of Meridian, in the eastern part of the town of Cato, at one time owning two hundred acres of land. The homestead, which he improved from the primeval forest, contained one hundred and forty-three acres of land; and by skilful husbandry he made it one of the best estates in this locality. He was a man of shrewd judgment and great business ability, and became influential in public affairs. Being well qualified for the duties of the civic offices, he was elected and served efficiently as Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and as Justice of the Peace. The last fourteen years of his useful life were spent in the village of Meridian, where his death occurred January 5, 1878, when seventy-nine years of age. In his early days he was a member of the Whig party, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its warmest supporters. Both he and his good wife, Ann Sprague, who survived him many years, dying in 1892, in her ninetieth year, were valued members of the Presbyterian church. They reared a family of four children, three of whom are now living, namely: J. Sprague; Chester, of whom a short sketch is given in another part of his biographical work; and Clara A. Morley, who was born in Cato, August 4, 1840, and now resides in the village of Meridian. The third child in order of birth was Lyman E., who was born March 31, 1834, in Cato, and died June 23, 1892. He was twice married. The



maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was united February 23, 1858, was Ida A. Van Liew. She passed on to the higher life in 1882. He subsequently married Olive A. Lewis, who was born January 6, 1857; and since the death of her husband she and her little son, Myron E. Morley, reside in Meridian.

The maiden name of Mrs. Chester Morley, as before mentioned, was Ann Sprague. Her great-grandfather, Ebenezer Sprague, was born December 12, 1711, in Lebanon, Conn.; and his wife, formerly Hannah St. John, was born in the same State, in the town of Wilton, the date of her birth being January 7, 1729 or 1730. Mrs. Morley's grandfather, John Sprague, son of Ebenezer, was born in Sharon, Conn., April 2, 1755, and was there reared to a farmer's life. When a young man he removed to Milton, Saratoga County, N.Y., where he resided until 1796, when he settled in the town of Pompey, in Onondaga County, being one of the pioneers of that place. His wife, Polly Kennedy, was born in Limerick, Ireland, in August, 1749. Their son, John Sprague, Jr., the father of Mrs. Morley, was born March 12, 1779, during the residence of his parents in the town of Milton, Saratoga County, and there spent the earlier years of his life. He came with his parents to Onondaga County in 1796, settling in the town of Pompey, then little more than a wilderness with here and there a small clearing, game being abundant in the woods. On attaining his majority he purchased one hundred acres of unimproved land; and by

never-ceasing labor, he succeeded admirably in his efforts to establish a homestead, having as good a farm as could be found in that locality. He was a man of noble character, a useful citizen of the town, and a worthy and influential member of the Episcopal church, in which he held various offices. He was an active participant in the War of 1812, serving as Captain of a company. The last twenty-five years of his life were spent in the village of Fayetteville, retired from active toil, his death occurring May 30, 1861. He was twice married, his first wife being Aurilla Sweet, who was born in Greenwich, R.I., belonging to a prominent Rhode Island family, and who died in Pompey, N.Y., in January, 1835. He afterward wedded Lydia Babcock, of Manlius.

J. Sprague Morley was a manly little fellow of five years when he came with his parents to this town; and his education was obtained in the schools of Fayetteville and at Hobart College, where he was graduated in 1846. Devoting himself to the study of law, he was admitted to the bar in 1848, being examined in the first class under the new code. After receiving his diploma he settled in Jamesville, Onondaga County, where he was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until 1853, when he established himself in Meridian.

On the 27th of January, 1857, Mr. Morley was united in wedlock with Polly A. Buck, a native of New Jersey, born in the town of Sterling, July 24, 1823. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two children.



Hebe A., the elder, who was born November 28, 1857, is the wife of Dr. Eugene M. Lamb, a dentist of Auburn. Fabius C., who was born April 4, 1860, lives at home with his parents.

During his residence of more than forty years in Meridian Esquire Morley has fully identified himself with the interests of this place, always encouraging and otherwise promoting every project calculated to benefit the community. He is public-spirited and generous, a man of great influence, and eminently worthy of the trust reposed in him and the regard in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. As a Justice of the Peace, an office which he has filled most acceptably the past twenty-nine years, his decisions are just and fair, and never appealed from. Esquire Morley is also President of the village, having held this office for thirty consecutive years. In politics he is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party.

A lifelike portrait of J. Sprague Morley is an appropriate and pleasing accompaniment of this brief biographical record, of which he is the special subject.

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**REV. GILES H. HUBBARD, D.D.,**  
 the popular and devoted pastor of the  
 First Baptist Church in Auburn,  
 was born in Preston Hollow, Albany County,  
 in this State, on July 24, 1850, the son of  
 Giles Colden and Clarissa (Paddock) Hub-  
 bard. His great-grandfather, Aaron Hub-  
 bard, was a native of Connecticut. On

leaving home, he first settled as a pioneer in Schoharie County, whence he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he became a prominent citizen, and was elected to the State Assembly.

Aaron Hubbard had a son, Giles H. Hubbard, an attorney-at-law, who was a graduate of Union College, where he received the highest honors the institution could bestow, including the class valedictory. He was at one time editor of the Schoharie *Overseer*, being a leading citizen of that county in his day and generation, and taking an active part in political affairs. A greater glory lay in his strong and undaunted anti-slavery principles. When it was risky to utter such sentiments, he uttered them boldly, not only in private but in public. Indeed, he was the first man in the neighborhood who dared open his mouth on this forbidden subject, doing so in a meeting convened by himself and a classmate, the Rev. Dr. Lintner, who offered the prayer. This was at a time when slaves were still held in that very county; but the champions of freedom could say with Laurence Sterne, "Disguise thyself as thou wilt, still, Slavery, still thou art a bitter draught."

His son, Giles Colden Hubbard, father of the Rev. Giles H. Hubbard, was born in Schoharie, and has been both a farmer and the owner of flour-mills. He is a Republican in politics, though never an office-holder. He still lives in Preston Hollow, with his wife, Clarissa Paddock, daughter of the Rev. Seth Paddock, a Baptist preacher of the olden time, from whom by the law of heredity her



son Giles evidently derived something of his religious and philanthropic tendencies.

Young Giles H., the future minister, was educated in the common schools in Schoharie Academy, in Delaware Literary Institute, and in Colgate University, where he was graduated in the class of 1875, at the age of twenty-five, with the degree of B.A. Two generations earlier, as above noted, the grandfather had the honor of being valedictorian in Union College; and now his namesake received the kindred honor at Hamilton, where three years later, in 1878, he received a theological diploma, and also the higher degree of M.A. He was likewise a member of the Greek letter society, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and was otherwise active in social and literary college life. Before graduation he had been called to the pastorate of the Baptist society in Madison; and there he was now ordained. Upon the death of the Rev. Dr. John James Lewis, Professor of English Literature and History in Hamilton College, Mr. Hubbard was offered the chair; but this he declined, preferring to remain in the ministry. Before coming to Auburn, he was pastor at Waverly and Camillus.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard began his labors in Auburn with the New Year's Day of 1892. In this post he has been very successful, the church having a membership of over five hundred. His Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of D.D. at the Commencement of 1894. Should a motto be sought indicative of Dr. Hubbard's idea of religion and the nation, as it comes down to him in his Baptist

forerunners, who fought a good fight for freedom, toleration, and piety, it might be found in the words of the celebrated Italian statesman, Count Cavour, "A free Church in a free State has been the programme which led me to my first efforts, and which I continue to regard as just and true, reasonable and practical, after the studies of thirty years."

On September 1, 1875, about the time of his entering the theological school, he was married to Emma Morse, daughter of Dr. Floyd Morse, an eminent physician of Cooper's Plain, Steuben County, where she was born. Her higher education she received in Franklin, Delaware County, N.Y., at the Delaware Literary Institute; and there she formed the attachment which afterward led to her marriage, Dr. Hubbard himself having been a student in the same seminary. From this union have come four promising children: Lyra Hubbard, born in the centennial year; Floyd Morse Hubbard, born in 1879; Nellie Hubbard, born in 1884; Giles Monroe Hubbard, in 1890.

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**J**OHN W. BARRUS is a well-known resident of Port Byron, where he has lived for some years. His father, William K. Barrus, was born in the town of Otisco, Onondaga County, N.Y., and was a son of pioneer settlers. After leaving school, he chose a farmer's life, and married Miss Mary A. Neal, who was a native of Madison County.

Their son, John W. Barrus, was born at



Lysander, Onondaga County, August 3, 1830, and lived with his parents until the death of his father, which occurred when the lad was but twelve years of age. He then made his home with his uncle, Aaron Fay, of Onondaga County, near Syracuse, and there received the best education which the common schools of the town afforded, after which he worked on his uncle's farm, until 1851, when he travelled for two years. In March, 1853, he arrived at Port Byron, and was engaged as clerk by Mr. Ross, who was proprietor of the general store of the village, and held that position until September, 1855.

He soon after started a grocery business, to which he gave his whole attention until 1859, when he was employed as clerk by Seymour & Wright, with whom he remained until 1862, leaving here to accept a position as travelling salesman for Stone & Carpenter, of Syracuse, dealers in fancy goods. After five years of faithful service for this establishment he entered the employ of the Tallman Boot & Shoe Company of Utica, travelling for the firm throughout Western and Central New York, and has held this position since that time, with the exception of nine years, when he was Postmaster of Port Byron, having been appointed to that office by President Grant in 1873, and remaining there through President Hayes's term and one year of President Garfield's administration. He then returned to his former situation, and is now one of the oldest commercial travellers in this part of the country, there being but one man who is his senior in this occupation.

On August 2, 1855, he married Miss Sarah Randall, of Port Byron, daughter of Harry Randall. Mr. and Mrs. Barrus are the parents of three children, namely: William H., of New York; Clara, a physician in the Middletown State Hospital, a graduate of Boston University in the class of 1888; Addie, wife of Dr. J. D. Johnson, of New York City, who is the mother of one child, Paul. Mrs. Barrus is an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member, and which the family attend. The house of worship is not far from their home on the village green.

Mr. Barrus is an interested and active member of a number of social organizations, among which are the Commercial Travellers' Association, Port Byron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 130, and various temperance organizations, dating back to the old Washingtonians in 1845, and including later the Rechabites, Good Templars, and Royal Templars. In 1857 he was made a Mason, and is now serving his seventh term as Master Member of Morris Chapter, No. 156, of which organization he is Past High Priest. He has served on the School Board for Port Byron, and has held the office of Village Treasurer. Mr. Barrus was always an Abolitionist. He joined the Republican party in 1855, and voted with it for thirty years; but in 1885 he transferred his vote to the Prohibition party, by which organization he has been twice nominated for State Senator, and also many times for Supervisor of the Town. He is a business man of rare qualities, who through-



out his varied experiences has always been held in the highest regard by his fellow-citizens at Port Byron, and by his many acquaintances in other parts of the State of New York.

**B**ARTON MORSE, who was born on November 20, 1822, on the homestead where he now resides, is well known throughout Cayuga County, and is numbered among its best men socially and financially. He has lived in other places, and has engaged in different pursuits, but is now confining his attention to agriculture; and his pleasant homestead in the town of Sempronius is noticeable for its air of thrift and comfort, and its evidences of enterprise, skill, and taste. He and his excellent wife are especially valued members of the community in which they reside, their devotion to the advancement of education and morals, and their benevolence and earnestness in works of reform, contributing greatly to the public welfare and improvement.

The Morse family in America is of English origin. Mr. Barton Morse is the worthy descendant of a representative pioneer of this county, Gresham Morse, who left his New England home, and became one of the early settlers of this vicinity in 1794, one hundred years ago. He was an educated and very intelligent man, a lawyer by profession, and one of the first judges appointed in this locality. He bought two hundred acres of wild land, the present site of the fair grounds, on which he improved a good farm, carrying on

general farming in connection with his professional duties. Judge Morse was one of the most prominent and influential men of his time, contributing largely toward the development and prosperity of Moravia, the town of his adoption. He lived to the age of fourscore years, and passed away on his farm, near the village of Moravia, honored and respected by all. He was a staunch Democrat in politics; and both he and his wife were firm believers in the doctrines of the Methodist church, although they were not members of any religious organization. Of the three sons and six daughters born of their union only one child is now living; namely, Mrs. Laura Tabor, of the village of Moravia.

Solomon Morse, son of the Judge and father of Barton, was born in the town of Moravia, August 14, 1796, and was there bred and educated. He turned his attention to farming, working at first on the parental homestead, but, after arriving at manhood, had the courage to buy a tract of forest-covered land, one hundred and fifty acres, on which he began the arduous task of developing a good farm. His first residence was a plank house; and in this he and his wife lived for many years, bringing up their children to habits of industry and usefulness. He was a man of more than usual enterprise and activity; and, in addition to clearing a fine homestead, he built and operated a saw-mill, carrying on an extensive business. On March 4, 1819, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Slade, a native of Stillwater, Mass., born July 23, 1798. Their entire wedded life



was spent on the farm which they improved from the wilderness, and where his death occurred February 15, 1851, and hers November 6, 1881. They were persons of much native intelligence, and were held in high esteem. Both were valued members of the Baptist church of Sempronius, and in his politics Mr. Morse was a strong Republican. Of the eleven children born to them all grew to maturity; and the following seven are now living: Mrs. Rachel White, of Sempronius; Barton, of Moravia; Lafayette, of Sennett; Mrs. Delia Andrews, of Rochester; Mrs. Dorlisca Peasley, of Fremont, Neb.; Charles, of St. John's, Mich.; William S., of Fremont, Neb. The names of the deceased are Philip, who died October 19, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years; Eliza Ann, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Edward, who died when thirty-nine years old; and Almira, who passed away at the age of thirty-two years.

Barton Morse, son of Solomon and Mary A., grew to manhood on the estate where he now resides. After acquiring a good practical education in the district schools and the Waterloo Academy, and having some experience in farm work, he learned the trade of a wagon-maker, and also that of a painter, and for twoscore years devoted his time to these callings. He did not confine himself to one locality, but sought work where he could labor to the best advantage, even spending some years in the Western States, being in Kansas and Arkansas three years and in Illinois three years. After his marriage he began housekeeping near Watkins, in the

Townsend settlement; and, after living there a short time, he removed to Jasper, Steuben County, where he remained eight years. He came back to the place of his birth in 1880, and has since carried on general farming with good success. His homestead contains one hundred acres of excellent land, which he has under good tillage, and well improved. During the late Rebellion, Mr. Morse enlisted, responding to the last call for volunteers, September 2, 1864, and was enrolled in Company D, Captain Sylvester Phillips, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His regiment, commanded by Colonel Cox, was immediately ordered to the front; and Mr. Morse was in many engagements, taking an active part in the battle of Petersburg, at the storming of Fort Hill, and in many other skirmishes. He was also a participant in the Hatch's Run raid, and there contracted diseases from which he never recovered. After receiving his honorable discharge on May 31, 1865, at Alexandria, he resumed his former occupations.

The marriage ceremony uniting the destinies of Barton Morse and Lucy Ann Colony was solemnized on February 8, 1849. Mrs. Morse was born in the town of Locke, August 26, 1828, being a daughter of Oliver B. and Ann (Southworth) Colony, both of whom were natives of Cayuga County, the place of the mother's birth having been Summer Hill. Thomas Colony, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Morse, was one of the early settlers of the town of Locke, and was numbered among its influential pioneers. He improved a large



homestead, where he lived to a ripe old age. The parents of Mrs. Morse lived in the town of Locke for many years after their marriage; but their last days were spent in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, where her father passed from earth at the age of sixty-five years, and her mother at the age of sixty-two years. They were esteemed members of the Baptist church, in which Mr. Colony served with fidelity as Deacon for many years. They reared a family of six children, as follows: Horace R., a resident of Pennsylvania; Lucy Ann; Mrs. Sarah Ackley, of Pennsylvania; Miss Helen M., a resident of Pennsylvania; Martha Jane, who died at the age of six years; Harriet Cordelia, who died at the age of four years. Mr. Colony was a miller by occupation, and a large part of his active life was spent in this county. In politics he was a Republican.

Barton Morse and his wife are the parents of seven children, of whom the following is a brief record: Mrs. Emily Hathaway lives in Sempronius. Delavan D., a resident of Jonesboro, Ark., is an extensive dealer in flour, feed, and coal. Avery C., also residing in Jonesboro, is a foreman in the railway shops. George W. E., a farmer, lives in Montville. Dumont Slade, a farmer and carpenter, resides on the home farm. Two other children born of the union died at an early age: Martha Jane, at the age of seven years; and Marilla A., when an infant of scarce twelve short months.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have reared their children in those virtuous principles which have

been the rule of their own lives, and which have constituted them valuable members of society. They are devoted members of the Baptist church, and active workers in its various organizations. Both are much interested in the temperance movement, and Mr. Morse is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Prohibition party. Mrs. Morse is also an ardent worker in the cause, and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Moravia, and Vice-President of the L. T. L. of Sempronius, and Superintendent of the Mothers' Meetings. She devotes a great deal of time and money to the advancement of religion and morality, being a zealous worker in the Sunday-school, of which she has been superintendent the greater part of her married life, and is now assistant superintendent, besides being the teacher of the Bible Class, a position for which she is eminently fitted, and also the Secretary of the Union Sunday-school Town Association.

WILLIAM H. HULL, a wide-awake, enterprising farmer of the town of Cato, is well known throughout this part of Cayuga County as an important factor of the agricultural interests, a whole-souled, genial man, and a good citizen and neighbor. He is a fine representative of the industrious business man, who has kept his eyes open to what was going on around him, improved his opportunities, and profited thereby. Since occupying his present homestead, he has made three thousand dollars' worth of improve-



ments, possessing now a substantial residence, good barns and out-buildings, and all the conveniences and appliances for the shelter of stock, the storing of grain, and for carrying on agriculture after the most approved methods.

Mr. Hull is a native of New York, having been born in the town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, August 22, 1837. His parents, Peter and Esther (Hazard) Hull, were both born in the State of Rhode Island, the father's birth having occurred in December, 1804, and the mother's in 1808. The Hazards have been people of means and influence on the shores of Narragansett Bay from the earliest Colonial times. Peter Hull was a farmer by occupation, and began his agricultural career in his native State, living there several years after his marriage. In 1834 he removed to this State, and was one of the early settlers in the town of Onondaga. After residing there some time, he invested in land in the town of Lysander, buying two hundred acres, from which he improved a good farm; and on it he and his wife passed their remaining days, respected and esteemed by all, he living to be eighty years of age, while she passed away when seventy-six years old. He was a thorough and skilful farmer, and a business man of much ability, and during his residence in Lysander became identified with its welfare and growth. He was a Democrat in his political views, and both he and his wife were liberal in their religious beliefs. They reared a family of thirteen children, nine of whom are now living, namely: Jehiel, a

farmer in Onondaga; Jane, the widow of Leroy Houser, of Oswego Falls; Samuel, a farmer of Onondaga; Elisha, a carpenter in the town of Ira; William H., of Cato; Ruth, the wife of Gardner Teller, of Oswego Falls; Peter B., a farmer and musician living in Cato; Irene, the wife of George Johnson, of Oswego Falls; and Eugene, a farmer in the town of Lysander.

William H. Hull spent the earlier portion of his life in Onondaga County, where he received a good common-school education and a practical insight into the art of agriculture. He remained on the home farm, assisting in its care, until twenty-five years of age; and the knowledge and experience thus obtained have been of incalculable value to him since. His first purchase of land was in the town of Onondaga, when he and his brother Samuel bought sixty-five acres of land in partnership, carrying it on most successfully for three years. Then, disposing of his interest in that farm, he bought seventy-two acres of land in Cato, on which he resided three years, selling it in 1871. Mr. Hull then bought a farm of eighty acres in the town of Ira, and, after living on it eleven years, sold it at an advantage, and bought the homestead where he now resides, of which he took possession in 1882. He immediately began its improvement and cultivation, and, being prospered in his farming operations and fortunate in his investments, soon found himself on the road to success. His land is under good cultivation, and yields him large crops of grain and tobacco, besides the other staple productions



of this part of the country, his homestead, owing to his industry, ability, and shrewd management, being one of the best appointed of any in the vicinity, a model of neatness, convenience, and thrift.

After having laid the foundations for a home and a future competency, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Agnes Van Liew, their nuptials being celebrated in 1867. Mrs. Hull is a native of Onondaga County, having been born in the town of Lysander in 1839. Her parents were Frederick C. and Agnes (Pumyea) Van Liew, of whom a brief history is given in the sketch of Cornelius Van Liew, in another part of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hull became the parents of three children, namely: Etta, who married Harrison DeGroff, of Cato; Ida, who lives at home; and Lewis, who died at the age of two and one-half years. Mr. Hull is a Democrat in politics, and casts his vote in support of the principles of that party. In their religious views both he and his wife are liberal, and are among the first to encourage works of charity and benevolence. They are numbered among the useful members of the community, and in their daily lives present examples worthy of imitation.

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**J**ACOB SHARPSTEEN, a prominent farmer of Genoa, N.Y., was born in this town on March 5, 1828. His father, Stephen, was born in Dutchess County, whence he removed to Cayuga County, and was one of the first settlers. He bought up a large tract of land in the vicinity

of Genoa, erecting a log house upon it for the accommodation of his family. Grist-mills in these parts being few and far between, in that early day the farmers were often compelled to prepare their wheat and corn for family use by pounding it in stump mortars. The only market place for their farm produce was Albany; and on many occasions Mr. Sharpsteen carried his wheat thither with an ox team, in order to sell it. In later years he built a large frame dwelling, where he kept a house of entertainment for travellers, conducting the same with success up to the time of his death, which occurred on May 1, 1845. He married Mary Morse, who was born March 19, 1788. Twelve children were the fruit of their union, namely: Kirby W., born December 5, 1809; Nancy, born March 4, 1812, died 1814; Joshua M., born April 12, 1814; Leonard N., born June 6, 1816; Harriet, born June 24, 1818; John, born August 2, 1820, died 1838; Fanny, born June 17, 1822; Angeline, born April 5, 1824; Maria, born March 10, 1826; Jacob, born, as above noted, March 5, 1828; Rachel, born February 3, 1830; and Stephen, born June 24, 1833.

Jacob was the tenth child, and was many years younger than the first-born of the family. Having received his education in his boyhood at the district schools of Genoa and Venice, he engaged in the occupation of a farmer, starting upon a farm given him by his father, on which he has made many improvements. Mr. Sharpsteen married in 1849 Dililah Thayer, the daughter of Stephen and Elmira (Hodge) Thayer, of Otsego County,



New York; and they reared three children — Frances, Amy E., and Stephen W. Stephen was first married to Sarah C. Upson, who died some years after, leaving three children: Eva D.; J. D.; and Morton J., deceased. He married for a second wife Nettie Smith, by whom he has one child — Effie May. A son, Fred Otto, died December 23, 1864.

Mr. Sharpsteen has voted the Republican ticket since the formation of that party. He cast his first Presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. During a long and busy life he has ever devoted himself to the interests of his farm, and, although eminently qualified to fill any public office of trust and responsibility that might have been offered to him, has never been desirous of being other than what he is, a private citizen, a loyal American, an upright man, and a successful farmer.

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**S**IMEON KELLY, who is industriously and profitably engaged in general farming, stock-raising, and dairying in the town of Moravia, worthily represents the agricultural interests of this part of Cayuga County; and his present position among the successful farmers of this region is due entirely to his own efforts. He had to begin the work of life for himself when very young; and consequently his school days were limited, nor had he wealth or position to aid him in getting a start. He was born in the town of Worcester, Otsego County, N.Y., August 18, 1823, being a son of John and Lany (Russ) Kelly.

Mr. Kelly is of English descent, and the first of his ancestors to emigrate to this country settled in Massachusetts in old Colonial times. His paternal grandfather was born in Vermont, and there reared to maturity. He served faithfully throughout the Revolutionary War; and after its close he removed to Worcester, and was one of the sturdy pioneers of Otsego County, where he lived to the good old age of ninety years. He married, and became the father of four sons and three daughters, none of whom are now living.

John Kelly, a son of the veteran, came to Otsego County when very young, and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land. He was a hard-working, persevering man, a practical, common-sense farmer, and was held in high esteem as a loyal citizen and a good neighbor. His death occurred in Worcester, at the age of threescore years. His wife, who survived him, died in Sharon, Wis., at the venerable age of eighty-three years. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and he was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Universalist church. In politics he was a Whig. Of the eight children born of their union all grew to maturity, and five are now living, as follows: Samuel, a resident of Fulton, Schoharie County; Sally Maria, the widow of Philo Crippen, living in Kansas; Simeon; John, residing in South Valley, Otsego County; Miranda, the wife of Horace Ocobock, living in Michigan.

Simeon Kelly grew to man's estate in the town of Worcester, and in his earlier years attended the district schools. When twelve



years of age, he began working out, receiving ten dollars a month compensation at first. He worked as a farm laborer for several years, and, being a young man of frugal and temperate habits, industrious and prudent, accumulated quite a little property. Soon after his marriage he removed to Cayuga County, and settled in the town of Moravia, where he has since lived, an esteemed and respected resident. In 1875 Mr. Kelly bought his present homestead, and has since given his undivided attention to its management, conducting every detail of its work with the same energy and good judgment that had characterized his movements before. That he has prospered is evidenced by his well-stocked barns and storehouses, large herds of sleek cattle, and his excellent dairy. His property contains ninety-three acres of productive land, and on this comfortable homestead he is now enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil.

On July 8, 1846, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Almira Brown, who was born in Schoharie County, May 12, 1819, a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Adams) Brown, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts and the latter in New Jersey. Mr. Brown was for many years a prominent member of the farming community of Schoharie County, and lived there until the time of his decease, November 7, 1831, when fifty-one years old. His wife, who survived him, also died in the same town, Jefferson, the date of her death being November 16, 1868, and her age eighty-six years. Both were sincere Christian people, he being a member of the Dutch Re-

formed church, and she of the Baptist church. Of the four children born to them Mrs. Kelly is the only one now living.

Nathaniel Brown, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kelly, was one of the early settlers of Montgomery County, where he was engaged in farming for many years. He subsequently removed to Schoharie County, and resided in the town of Jefferson, until in the fulness of years he was gathered to his rest. To him and his beloved companion one son and three daughters were born, none of whom are now living.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Kelly, John Adams, who was a native of England, when a young man emigrated to the United States, and settled in New Jersey, where he married Anna Schermerhorn, a native of Holland. He was also a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and took an active part in some of its most important engagements. Being a farmer by occupation, and desirous of taking advantage of the cheap lands just opened up in this part of the Empire State, he removed to Montgomery County in the early years of its settlement, and, buying a tract of wild land, improved a homestead, where he and his wife reared their five children, and made a permanent home for themselves. They were long remembered as people of much influence in the community in which they resided, and were held in high respect as representing the best class of the pioneers of the county. They died at about middle age.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are the parents of seven children, of whom the following is a brief



mention: Miranda, born April 23, 1847, is the wife of John Parsons, a farmer, living in Moravia. Mary, born February 1, 1849, married David Folts, of Moravia. Frances, born May 17, 1851, is the wife of David Anthony, of Venice. Sarah, born February 25, 1854, is the wife of Fred Hunt, a farmer living in Moravia. George N., born February 25, 1856, is a farmer, and resides in Moravia. Julia, born November 12, 1859, lives at home. John W., a farmer, born August 15, 1864, lives in Moravia. Simeon Kelly is, politically, a zealous advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and in all respects is fulfilling the obligations of a good citizen. Both he and his worthy wife are conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OSIAH B. BRINKERHOFF, of Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in that town on May 21, 1840. His father, John I. Brinkerhoff, son of Jacob, was born in Owasco on February 17, 1803, and resided in the old family homestead on Owasco Lake, six miles south of Auburn. He was married on March 6, 1830, to Mary Ann Shepard, by whom he had seven children—Maria, Trueman, Jacob, John I., Josiah, Alfred, and Warren. The grandfather was born in Bergen County, New Jersey, on February 25, 1756, and some years afterward removed to Pennsylvania with his father, Joris D. Brinkerhoff. He was married on February 25, 1779, to Annatie Demarest, of New Jersey. He had a farm of two hundred and

seventy acres in Pennsylvania, but moved to Cayuga County in 1793, settling near Owasco Lake. He was the magistrate of the county and an officer in the church. During the Revolutionary War Jacob held a Captain's commission, serving bravely under General Washington. He was the father of eleven children—George B., Margaret, David, Henry I., Martha, Isabel, James, Jacob, Peter, Maria, and John.

The great-grandfather, Joris D. Brinkerhoff, above named, was born October 9, 1719, in New Jersey, and was married to Betty Demarest, daughter of David Demarest, in November, 1745. He moved to Pennsylvania in 1770, where he purchased a large farm of five hundred and twenty acres. The house which he built and lived in all his life remained until a few years ago. It was a substantial building composed principally of concrete, the walls being two feet thick. His father, the great-great-grandfather of Josiah B., was Jacobus Brinkerhoff, who was born in March, 1685, and resided at the paternal home in New Jersey, on the Hackensack. He was married on April 17, 1708, to Agnitie Banta, daughter of Hendrick Banta, and had five children—Hartman, Hendrick, Joris, Jacob, and Martje. His father, Hendrick Joerisen Brinkerhoff, who was born in the Netherlands in 1631, was married to Claasie, daughter of Cornelius Boomgaert, and settled in Hempstead, L.I., afterward removing to New Jersey. The children of Hendrick J. were Margrietje, Cornelius, Joris, Dirck, and Jacobus. The founder of



the American branch of the Brinkerhoff family was the father of Hendrick J., Joris Dirksen Brinkerhoff, a native of the Province of Drenthe, in the Netherlands, born in 1609, who emigrated to New York in 1638, and settled on a farm within the present limits of the city of Brooklyn, where he resided until his death in 1661. He married Susannah Dubbels, and all his children were born in Holland. They were as follows: Derck, Hendrick, Abraham, and Altie.

Josiah B. Brinkerhoff, the worthy descendant of this long line of worthy ancestors, was educated in the district schools of his neighborhood and the high school of Auburn. He taught school for one winter, and in 1864, when he was twenty-four years of age, enlisted in Battery A, Third New York Artillery, being sent to Kingston, N.C. He came back in the spring of 1865, having been honorably discharged from the army with the rank of Corporal. He has since turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and lived with his father-in-law from 1866 to 1880, when he bought the old homestead of his wife's grandfather.

He was married in 1865 to Lillias, daughter of David and Harriet (Benson) Brinkerhoff, of Skaneateles, three children being the fruit of the union; namely, Alfred, Alanson, and Walter. Alanson died at the age of sixteen. Alfred married Marrilla Mosher, of Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff are members of the Presbyterian church of Owasco. In politics he is an advocate of the Republican party. He was elected Justice of the

Peace in 1884, an office he held eight years. He is also a great temperance worker. The Brinkerhoffs have ever been active in enterprises calculated to promote the welfare of their native town. They were largely instrumental in the building of the first church in these parts, it being a log church, situated on Lake Owasco. Mr. Brinkerhoff has earned the reputation of being a good neighbor and public-spirited citizen.

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**D**AVID S. KELLOGG, a respected citizen of the town of Ira, now distinguished as being the oldest resident of this locality, is the son of an honored pioneer of Cayuga County, the Kellogg families having been among the first who set their faces toward the West with the purpose of establishing for themselves homes in the wild and uncultivated frontier lands of this part of the Empire State. Mr. Kellogg has spent his entire life within the boundaries of this county, having first seen the light in the town of Victory on January 27, 1813. His parents were Silas and Martha (Simpson) Kellogg, both of whom were natives of New York, Saratoga County having been the father's birthplace, and Washington County the mother's.

Frederick Kellogg, the father of Silas, removed from Galway, Saratoga County, to the town of Brutus in this county, in 1795, being one of the original settlers of the place. This part of the country was then a wilderness in which the Indians roamed, hunting



and fishing, and mayhap occasionally cultivating a small patch of corn. Bears, deer, and wolves were plentiful; and few marks of civilization were anywhere apparent for miles around. Buying one hundred and forty acres of land in Brutus, Mr. Kellogg worked with steady perseverance until he had cleared a homestead, and, having accumulated some property, removed to Auburn, where he spent his last years. His death, which occurred when he was sixty-five years of age, was the result of being thrown from a horse.

In 1814 Silas Kellogg came from Victory to the town of Ira, where he purchased one hundred and ninety-three acres of forest land, on which not a tree had been cut, paying for it three dollars and twenty-six cents an acre. Here he erected a small log house, in which he and his family lived some twelve or fifteen years. The woods were still the haunt of game and other wild animals, which have disappeared within the recollection of his son David, who was present at the killing of the last wolf and of the last bear in this vicinity. Mr. Silas Kellogg worked hard, and improved a good homestead, on which he and his wife passed the remaining years of their lives, he dying when seventy-two years old, and she at the age of seventy-eight years. They were people of genuine worth, who gained the respect and friendship of their neighbors, and were representative pioneers of the county. They were esteemed members of the Disciples' Church, and performed their share in advancing the cause of education and good morals in the town. Politically, he was a

Jacksonian Democrat, and during the War of 1812 he was drafted into service. Six children were born to them, four of whom are now living, namely: David S.; Mrs. Nancy F. Bartlett, of Mohawk, N.Y.; Asa D., a resident of Wolcott, Wayne County; and Edward H., who resides in New York City. Mary died at the age of twenty-five years, and James H. at the age of sixty years.

David S. Kellogg grew to manhood in the town of Ira, where he received the larger part of his education, although, after leaving the district schools, he attended the Albany Academy for one term of eleven weeks. Being well endowed mentally, an intelligent observer, and an extensive reader, he possesses a large fund of general information, and, keeping well posted on current events, is a most interesting and entertaining conversationalist. During the days of his youth and early manhood he assisted in the pioneer labor of clearing the farm, remaining with his parents until twenty-five years of age, when he started in life for himself. He was employed for some years as a clerk, and was afterward engaged in trade in the town of Ira four years; but his principal occupation has been that of a farmer. He bought one hundred and forty acres of land, formerly included in the homestead of his parents, and on this farm has carried on general agriculture with excellent results the past twenty years. He is a man of good business ability, an excellent manager, judicious in his investments, and has met with success in his various undertakings.



Mr. Kellogg has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was wedded March 1, 1837, was Mary Jane Noble. She was a native of Saratoga County, New York, where her parents, William H. and Fanny (Stillwell) Noble, were both born. Her father learned the trade of a tanner and currier, and worked at it the larger part of his life. He was one of the leading citizens of the county, influential in political affairs, and served as a member of the Assembly three terms, as Congressman, and as Supervisor of his town several years. Mrs. Fanny Kellogg died February 8, 1875, leaving four children, two sons and two daughters. Oscar S., a farmer, resides in Manhattan, Kan. Charles resides in Russell, Kan. Martha and Mary are twins; and both are married, Martha being the wife of Millard Schofield, of Mohawk, and Mary the wife of Newton R. Titus, a farmer of the town of Ira. Mr. Kellogg was a second time married on September 23, 1879, to Mrs. Alexander Titus, formerly Adaline McGraw. She was born in the town of Ira, a daughter of Ransom and Margaret (Clay) McGraw, who were early settlers and prosperous farmers of this town. Both are now deceased, Mr. McGraw having departed from the scenes of this earth when seventy years old, and Mrs. McGraw at the age of forty-five.

In his earlier years Mr. Kellogg affiliated with the Democratic party; but now, with the courage of his maturer convictions, he is independent in his political views, and votes for the man best qualified to fill the office.

He has ever taken an active interest in local matters, and acceptably filled the office of Supervisor in Cato one term, and in the town of Ira has served as School Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, and as Assessor. He is influential and prominent, and one of the foremost citizens of the town; and he and his excellent wife enjoy the respect and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. They are liberals in religion, and contribute generously to benevolent enterprises and public improvements.

COY CLARK, a well-to-do tiller of the soil, resident in the town of Aurelius, is noteworthy both for his good citizenship and many excellent traits of character and for his honorable record as a brave soldier during the late Civil War. He was born in Onondaga County on March 20, 1840, and is still further entitled to representation in this biographical work as being the descendant of a respected pioneer of this State, the son of a brave soldier of the War of 1812, and the grandson of a patriot of the Revolution.

His grandfather, who bore the same name, Coy Clark, was born, reared, and married in Connecticut, and during the struggle of the colonies for independence, fired with the patriotic enthusiasm that animated the hearts of all true New Englanders, he enlisted in the American army. After the close of the Revolution he and his wife emigrated to Onondaga County, where he took up a tract of government land, and at once began its im-



provement. They had the severe and trying experience common to the early settlers, the heavily timbered land requiring much hard labor before it was reduced to a productive condition, the markets being many miles distant, and no means of transportation being available except horses or oxen, that being many years prior to the establishment of canals or railroads, and the numerous Indians and wild animals inhabiting the forests being destructive to both life and property. Mr. Clark was industrious and energetic, and, overcoming all difficulties that beset his path, established a homestead on which he and his good wife spent the remainder of their years.

Their son, Chester Clark, was born during the residence of his parents in Connecticut, and was very young when he came with them to New York. He received his education in the pioneer school of his day, attending its winter sessions and helping on the farm in the summer season. Having reached adult life, he became a farmer by occupation, and during his early years did much pioneer work, materially aiding the transformation of the vast wilderness of Central New York into one of the richest and most productive farming districts to be found in the United States. In 1812 he took an active part in the conflict with England, enlisting in a regiment that was organized in Skaneateles, receiving the appointment of Colonel and doing faithful duty until the close of the war. Resuming his agricultural work on his farm, he labored earnestly in its improvement, often in those times teaming his wheat to Albany and sell-

ing it for fifty cents a bushel. He spent a long and useful life, dying on his homestead on February 3, 1873, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was twice married. His first wife was Laura Chatfield, a native of the town of Fleming; and they had a family of seven children—namely, Amos, Horace, Chester, Fayette, Perry, Laura, and Coy. Mrs. Laura C. Clark died in the year 1840; and a few years later Mr. Clark married Lucinda Sweet, who survives him, being one of the few widows of the War of 1812 now drawing a pension.

Coy Clark, youngest son of Chester and Laura (Chatfield) Clark, remained on the homestead until he attained his majority, attending the district school and assisting on the farm. In the latter part of the summer of 1861, the Rebellion being then in progress, Mr. Clark, following in the footsteps of his progenitors, was enrolled among the defenders of his country. He enlisted in Company A, Seventy-fifth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and took an active part in many engagements, among others being the battles of Santa Rosa and Camp Beziln. In May, 1863, he fought gallantly in the battle at Port Hudson, on the Mississippi, receiving a severe wound in the right thigh, which necessitated his removal to the Union Barracks Hospital, at New Orleans, where he remained until able to travel, when he was sent home on a furlough. After an absence of six months Mr. Clark rejoined his regiment in December of that year; and soon after, with about seventy-five of his comrades, he was



transferred to the Fourteenth New York Cavalry, and, while with that body of brave men, was in thirty skirmishes, and an active participant in the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, when for nine long days and nights the saddles were never taken from the horses. On April 10 he was one of twenty-nine men detailed to take despatches from General Banks to the gunboats stationed on Red River, an expedition in which they were most successful, returning in two days to their lines, with ten captured prisoners. Rejoining the seventy-fifth regiment in June, 1864, he proceeded to Bermuda Hundred, Va., and thence to Washington, and over into the Shenandoah Valley, participating in the battles at Cedar Creek and Winchester, a few weeks later going to New York City, where he received his honorable discharge in November of that year, having served three years and three months. After his return from the field of strife Mr. Clark spent four years on the parental homestead, and afterward bought a tract of land in Marcellus, where he engaged in farming until the death of his father. In 1876 he disposed of his property in that town, and, coming to Aurelius, bought his present farm, consisting of fifty acres of excellent land, which he has under high cultivation.

In the year 1865 Mr. Coy Clark was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Veder, a daughter of Simon Veder and May Springstead Veder, of Camillus, Onondaga County. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have no children of their own; but their pleasant home is brightened by an adopted daughter, on whom they bestow

parental care and affection. In politics Mr. Clark is an active Republican, who cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is an ambitious and industrious man, whatever he has of this world's goods having been acquired by his own efforts; and he is a fair sample of the men who form the bone and sinew of the community.

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**W**ILLIAM J. BOYNTON, freight agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Auburn, was born June 19, 1859, at Laurens, Otsego County, N.Y., and is the son of John and Lucinda (Hicks) Boynton, the father being an old resident of the vicinity of Auburn, where he engaged in his trade of a mason, dying when William J. Boynton was ten years old.

William J. Boynton received his education at the public schools of Auburn and the high school of Seneca Falls, remaining at the latter place after leaving school, being employed as a clerk. He returned to Auburn in 1872, where he completed his studies under private tutors. He first worked for Senter & Carpenter as extra clerk through a busy season, getting an idea of the general mechanical business. He then went into the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company as messenger boy, remaining in that position for two years, and during that time also learning the business of an operator. Upon leaving there, he entered the employ of the Cayuga Chief Manufacturing Company, which company afterward consolidated with



D. M. Osborne & Co., Mr. Boynton going with them in 1875, and remaining until 1883. In 1887 he was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, being engaged as bill clerk, remaining in that position until he was appointed agent, January 15, 1891, he having proved himself to be a valuable man to the company. Mr. Boynton has under his supervision about eleven men, being now one of the most prominent men of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Auburn, giving his whole attention to that business, in which he has made a success. Mr. Boynton was for nineteen years a member of the Cayuga Hose Company, No. 4, and has held every office in the company up to and including that of foreman, and is now a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association.

Mr. Boynton was married on December 11, 1890, to Miss Daisy Whitfield, daughter of Eben Whitfield, who came to Auburn from Seneca County. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton are attendants and supporters of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church. Mr. Boynton is a very bright, wide-awake man, who has grasped every opportunity as it has presented itself to him, and by conscientious work and always studying the interests of his employers has risen to the present responsible position which he so ably fills.

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**J** FITCH WALKER, a leading real estate dealer and insurance man of Moravia, was born in this town October 31, 1846, and is the son of Thomas M.

and Maria (Carpenter) Walker, and a lineal descendant of James Walker, the precise date of whose arrival in New England is unknown to the present writer, but who is supposed to have come in the wake of the "Mayflower," his name not being in the list of passengers of that historic vessel. Genealogists note several of this patronymic among the early settlers on the shores of Massachusetts Bay. Thomas M. Walker was born at Killingly, Conn., about 1812, and when only a boy came to Moravia to live with his uncle, Thomas Morey. He pursued the occupation of a farmer, and at the time of his death owned one of the finest farms in the town. He also engaged in the produce business, buying and shipping his goods by canal, in which undertaking he was very successful. He died in 1860. Mrs. Walker was born in Rhode Island, and settled with her family in the town of Sempronius, her father being one of the early pioneers of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Walker had three children, namely: Mary, wife of the Hon. Mortimer V. Austin, of Auburn, N.Y.; J. Fitch Walker; and Ellen, wife of Edgar Alley, now deceased.

J. Fitch Walker received his early education in the district schools of Moravia and at the old academy. He afterward went onto the farm, and managed that for a time. He then came to Moravia, and was here engaged in building and in the sale of real estate until 1876, when he opened a real estate and insurance office, being the only one in that line of business in the town. He at first repre-



sented only one insurance company, but is now agent for ten of the strongest and most reliable companies, including the Aetna and the Hartford of Hartford, Conn., the German-American, the Niagara, and the Pacific, of New York City, Royal of Liverpool, Commercial Union of London, London and Lancashire of London, Norwich Union of Norwich, and the Travellers' Accident of Hartford. Mr. Walker also does a large business in loaning and collecting money, besides dealing in all kinds of agricultural implements.

He was elected Constable of this town for eleven years, part of which time he was Deputy Sheriff. He has also been elected Justice of the Peace for three terms, having served in that capacity for ten years, and is the oldest Justice of Peace here in point of service. He is at the present time President of the Village, to which office he was elected in the spring of 1894. He is now, and has been for some years, Vice-President of the Indian Mound Cemetery Association, and was active in the organization of the Lodge of Royal Templars of Temperance, being the first Presiding Officer, which position he held for some time, and has recently again accepted election to the same office. Mr. Walker has always been actively identified with the Republican party, being County Committeeman for the town of Moravia.

Mr. Walker was married April 7, 1866, to Miss Dorlesca Hoagland, of this town, and has three children, namely: Florence, wife of John Murdock, of Venice Centre; Thomas M., telegraph operator on the D., L. & W.;

and Lee, a student in the Moravia High School. Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Alfred Hoagland, an old resident of this town, who was born in 1809, and who served in the late war. He is of the old Knickerbocker stock of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are attendants and supporters of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Walker is a member. Mr. Walker has always been a practical temperance man, and ready at all times to do work in its cause, but is not a Prohibitionist. He is Manager of the Brayton Opera House, having had the supervision of that place for many years, besides managing property for non-residents of the town.

The secret of Mr. Walker's success has been indomitable energy and push, and a thoroughness in everything he has undertaken. He is pointed to with pride as being one of the most successful business men in Moravia. He has reflected credit upon the many public positions he has filled, and is justly held in the highest esteem by all classes.

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**T**RUMAN DEWITT, a retired farmer residing in the north-east part of Niles, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in this town on November 6, 1834. His father, Stephen Dewitt, was born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1799. His grandfather, John Dewitt, also a native of that county, removed to Cayuga County in 1800, settling in Sempronius, now called Niles. He bought a tract of timber-land in the northern part of the town, which he cleared, and, building a log house,



lived in it for a number of years; and, as his prosperity increased, he built a frame house, in which he spent his latter days, dying in his eightieth year. Stephen, son of John, was likewise by occupation a farmer. He worked on the old homestead until his twenty-fifth year, when he bought a farm of ninety acres, situated three miles south of his father's place. As his means afforded, he added on to his farm, increasing it until at the time of his death he owned about four hundred acres. He was married four times, first to Phebe Dehart, who died, leaving six children — John, Hulda, Daniel, Mark, Truman, and Jannette. He married second Delilah Parker, who left two children — George and Henry. His third wife was Isabella Moseman, who left one child, Moseman. His fourth marriage was with Frances Dewitt.

Truman Dewitt was educated in the district schools of Niles. He remained on the farm until he attained his twenty-seventh year, when he rented a farm for two years, and in 1864 enlisted in the Third New York Light Artillery, his company being the first to march into Richmond. He was honorably discharged as a private at the close of the war. He then returned to Cayuga County, and the following July went to Michigan, remaining there, however, but a short time, afterward removing to Grant County, Wisconsin, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he farmed, and also handled a large amount of stock. In 1882 he sold his property, and returned to Niles, buying the old Baker homestead.

He married Miss Mary Baker, February 29, 1860, daughter of Wilbur and Mary (Morey) Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were the parents of six children — Mary, Harriett, William, John, Phebe, and Day. In politics Mr. Dewitt has always been associated with the Democratic party. He is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Moravia, also of William H. Lewis Post, No. 137, Grand Army of the Republic, of New Hope. Mr. Dewitt during his busy and eventful life has never found time to aspire to any public office, devoting himself entirely to his agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with conspicuous success.

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**D**R. FRANCIS P. CASEY, a member of one of the most prominent families in Cayuga County, was born at the old homestead on North Street, Auburn, November 25, 1841, and is the son of the late George and Eliza (Perry) Casey. George Casey was born at Dover Plains, Dutchess County, in 1807, and came with his parents to Auburn in 1814. Dr. Casey's paternal grandfather, who was also named George, was born at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., September 20, 1772, and was married at the age of eighteen to Jane, daughter of Christopher Dutcher, of Dutchess County. When quite young, he settled upon a farm at Dover, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He took a deep interest in the political issues of the day, and was called to fill several official positions, serving as Justice of the Peace for twelve or



thirteen years, and was also Supervisor of the Town, at one or more sessions of the board being the Presiding Officer. In 1807 he was appointed one of the Assistant Justices of the county, and was elected a member of the State Assembly for 1808. He took a prominent part in the measures before the House, and was associated with many of the most celebrated men of his day. In 1809 he was appointed Postmaster of Dover, which position he held until his removal from the county.

Attracted by the richness of the soil, as well as the beauty of the Western part of the State, he moved with his family to Auburn in the fall of 1813, settling on a farm in the northern part of the town, then called Aurelius. Although at that time the region was a wilderness, he could have selected a home in no more healthy or inviting spot for his future labor and comfort. Upon the passage of an act in the legislature in 1819 for the erection of Auburn prison, Mr. Casey was appointed on the first Board of Inspectors. He with his associates gave much thought and study to the work of organization of the institution, the employment of contractors, selection of officials, and other important matters relating to the management of the prison, and to the reformation of the confined offenders. He also took a prominent part in the establishment of the schools and academy, and was noted as a deep Biblical scholar, with broad and independent religious views. During his residence in Auburn he held no political office; and in 1829 he sold his farm and removed to Oswego, where he purchased a

large farm on the shore of Lake Ontario, during his residence in Oswego serving as one of the Town Magistrates. From Oswego he moved to Williamson, Wayne County, and after an absence of two years returned to Auburn. He travelled in the West on horseback, buying several hundred acres of land in Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties, Michigan. After starting on his return journey, he was stricken with malaria, and departed this life in Detroit. The family originally came to New York from Rhode Island, where they were early settlers, their record going back to 1658.

George Casey, Jr., was at one time a contractor and builder; and in 1835 he built the old homestead, which stands just as erected. In 1854 he engaged in the manufacture of carpenter's tools in the Auburn prison, doing a large business, organizing the Auburn Tool Company, in 1864, as a corporate company, of which he was President and Manager. The concern gave employment to seventy-five men, and was one of the oldest industries in Auburn, having originally been established in 1823, and run as a private enterprise until 1864. Mr. Casey died November, 1890, his wife also dying in the same year, leaving two children; namely, Nicholas L. and Francis P. Casey.

Francis received his education at the city schools and the Auburn Academy, and at the completion of his school course read medicine with Dr. Briggs, of Auburn, graduating from the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1864. From 1862 to 1864 he was a



Medical Cadet of the United States Army, being assigned to hospital duty, and was afterward commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the Eighth New York Artillery of the Army of the Potomac in Grant's campaign, he taking part in all the engagements as Field Surgeon. After the close of the war he went to Europe, and, entering the service of the Roumanian government, served one year as a Surgeon in the Russo-Turkish War, from 1877-78. He was decorated by Prince Charles, of Roumania, with the gold cross of the order of the Star of Roumania. On his return from Europe he engaged in business with the Auburn Tool Company, and has been connected with the company, occupying the position of President since his father's death, up to the time of the formation of the Ohio Tool Company of the State of New York, a corporation including the Auburn Tool and also the former Ohio Tool Company of the State of Ohio, of which new corporation he is also President.

Dr. Casey has been an extensive traveller, having spent many years abroad, and having journeyed all over this country, Mexico, and South America. He was initiated into the Masonic rites in Baltimore during the war, and is a member of the Auburn Chapter.

Dr. Casey was married to Miss Lucy R. Johnson, formerly of Easton, Md., and has a very fine residence on Owasco Lake, opposite Ensenore, where the family spend their summers. Dr. Casey has never sought any public office, contenting himself with the management of his large and increasing business, in

which both he and his father have met with much success. He is a man of broad and cultured tastes, the family being justly one of the most esteemed and prominent in the city of Auburn.

**D**ANIEL H. TABOR. In the annals of Cayuga County, among the names of the influential families who settled here when the county was young in years, and by their judicious management assisted in placing it in a leading position among its sister counties of the Empire State, the name of Tabor stands prominent. The subject of the present sketch, who is a worthy representative of this well-known family, is an important factor in the mercantile interests of the county; and he occupies an enviable position among the respected and substantial citizens of the village of Meridian, where he has resided since the year 1880, his elegant residence, which he built at that time, being a model of good taste and comfort, a credit to him and an architectural ornament to the village.

Mr. Tabor is a native of the Empire State, Cazenovia, Madison County, being the place of his birth, and its date January 4, 1824. He is of New England ancestry, his parents, Nathaniel and Deborah (Head) Tabor, having come from Rhode Island, of which State his grandfather Tabor was a native, and for the most part of a long life a resident. The grandfather married Nancy Gibbs, who was of a well-known Rhode Island family; and both passed their last years in the town of Caze-



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novia, Madison County, N.Y., he dying at the age of fourscore and four, while she lived to the venerable age of ninety-six.

Nathaniel Tabor was born in Little Compton, R.I., on September 18, 1787, and his wife on October 28, 1794. He migrated to Madison County in the year 1804, being one of the earlier settlers of the place, and lived there until 1836, when he came with his family to Cayuga County. He settled in the town of Ira, where he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of unimproved land; and before his death, which occurred in 1866 he had a valuable farm, one of the finest in the locality. He was familiarly known as Captain Tabor, and was everywhere respected and honored for his integrity. (For further parental history see sketch of Don J. Tabor, which may be found on another page of this volume.)

Daniel H. Tabor and his brother, Asa M. Tabor, residing in the village of Meridian, are the only surviving members of the parental household. Daniel was a lad of twelve years when he came with his parents to this county; and his education, which was begun in Madison County, was completed in the district schools of Ira and at the academy in Jordan. He was reared to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, remaining there until twenty-four years of age, in the mean time doing a good deal of manual labor on the land, which at the time of its purchase was covered with a heavy growth of timber, with which the axe had never interfered. After his marriage he lived for one year on the home farm, then, buying a part of it, carried

on general farming successfully for a number of years, residing there until 1880. Disposing of that property, which consisted of seventy-five acres of well-improved land, with a good set of buildings, he removed to his present fine residence in the village of Meridian, his real estate consisting of twenty acres of valuable land here, besides which he owns fifty acres of land in the town of Cato. Since coming to Meridian Mr. Tabor has been interested in trade, and carries on an extensive business in buying and selling tobacco, handling from four hundred to five hundred cases each season, his son being in partnership with him, their firm name being Tabor & Son. Mr. D. H. Tabor is a man of much financial ability, honest and fair in all business transactions, and has the trust and confidence of the entire community.

Mr. Tabor was united in marriage, in 1849, with Elsie M. Scott, a native of Columbia County, New York. Of the six children born to them only one son, Ernest G., is now living, the other five having passed to the bright world beyond—George at the age of eleven years, Frank at the age of eighteen years, Nathaniel at the age of five years, Hattie when an infant, and Charles at the age of one and one-half years. Mr. Tabor and his wife have, however, adopted a daughter, Effie M. Tabor, on whom they bestow a parent's love and care, guarding her as their own. Their son Ernest is a fine young man, capable, enterprising, and intelligent, and is now serving as Supervisor of the town of Cato.

As may be judged from the accompanying



portrait, Mr. Tabor is a whole-souled, warm-hearted, genial man, whom it is a genuine pleasure to meet and converse with. He and his wife have made many warm and sincere friends since coming to Meridian, their agreeable and courteous manners and other pleasant social qualities attracting to them all with whom they come in contact. Both are regular attendants of the Baptist church, of which she is an esteemed member. In politics Mr. Tabor is a warm supporter of the principles promulgated by the Republican party; and, though not an office-seeker, he served with acceptance two terms as Supervisor in the town of Ira.

**W**ILLIAM H. BURBY, of Auburn, N.Y., who holds the important civic office of City Attorney, was born in the village of Fort Edward, Washington County, N.Y., March 24, 1863, and is the son of John and Ann (Lynch) Burby. His father, whose early home was Holyoke, Mass., where the family ancestors lived for many generations, was a prominent paper manufacturer of that village for thirty-five years. Mrs. Burby was the daughter of an old resident of Auburn, who came from Dublin, Ireland.

The subject of this biographical mention received his early education at the common schools of Fort Edward, and took the high school course, afterward attending the Claverack Academy and the Fort Edward College Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1879, and thereafter taught school for two years. He then placed himself under Dr.

Green, who prepared him for Union College; but, on account of a severe sickness of a year's duration, he was obliged to return home, and once more studied under Dr. Green. He next entered the law office of A. D. Wait, Esq., of Fort Edward, and was admitted to the bar by examination held at Albany in May, 1885. He continued with his preceptor for six months, and then practised in New York City for a year, moving to Auburn in November, 1887, where he has made for himself a fine reputation and acquired a good practice. When he first came to Auburn he made a specialty of criminal work, but now devotes his time to civil cases, with the exception of the criminal business he is called to attend to as City Attorney. He was first appointed Attorney for the Excise Board of the City of Auburn, and resigned that position to accept the office of City Attorney, to which he was appointed in 1891. He has been a member of the Republican County Committee, and has taken a very active and prominent part in the political campaigns, speaking in different parts of the county and State. He is financially interested in a silent way in several different corporations, owning real estate in this city, Buffalo, New York City, and Fort Edward. He is a member of the Holy Family Church and of numerous societies.

In the course of his profession Mr. Burby has been connected with several notable cases, one being the Dorsey case, the prisoner being sent to Elmira on two indictments and one sentence. Mr. Burby won high praise for his



work on this case, which is widely known to the legal profession throughout the State. Among the numerous city cases was the Hollenbeck case for ten thousand dollars against the city, for the action of a police officer. This case was successfully defended by Mr. Burby. He also defended the noted Quill case for the city, and was victorious. Another case was that of Maud Marie Parcel, the prominent contralto singer, who sued the city for twenty-five thousand dollars damages, the city offering five thousand dollars in settlement before the case was tried. The damages were held down to nine thousand dollars, and the case is now on appeal. This case was prosecuted by the Hon. S. E. Payne and Judge Cady.

Mr. Burby, for so young a man, has attained a very high position in the legal profession; and his talents, legal acumen, and brightness of perception are such that, with health and strength and a continuance of that energy which has been his remarkable characteristic, no position of importance in the city can be said to be beyond his reach.

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**H**ENRY S. HUNT, a well-known and honored citizen of Cayuga County, occupies a leading position among the solid and substantial business men of Catoville, where he is a pioneer in the hardware trade, having established the first store of the kind in this locality. He is a man of sterling worth and integrity, widely and favorably known in financial and social cir-

cles, and is one of the most popular members of the community. Mr. Hunt is a native of New York, born in Keysville, St. Lawrence County, October 22, 1844, a son of Henry T. and Sarah (Tripp) Hunt.

Henry T. Hunt was born in England, and there reared to man's estate. Not content with his future prospects in his native country, he emigrated to America, and for a time after his arrival in this country worked at the shoemaker's trade, subsequently establishing himself in business as a shoe-dealer. In 1846 he located in Oswego, where he carried on a successful trade in boots and shoes until 1860, being one of the most enterprising and respected merchants of the city. He was twice married, his first wife dying without issue. He afterward married Sarah Tripp, a native of Keysville; and their union was blessed by the birth of six children, of whom four are living, namely: Solomon T., a resident of Oswego, and an employee of the J. Kingsford's Starch Works; Nellie, wife of William Stafford, of Oswego; Henry S.; and Emma, who lives in Oswego. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were held in high regard throughout their community, their genuine social and moral worth being recognized by all. Both outlived the allotted threescore and ten years of life, dying at about the age of seventy-two years, their lives having been spent in usefulness and happy content. He was a consistent member of the Church of England, in which faith he was reared; while his wife was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry S. Hunt passed the days of his youth



in Oswego, receiving a good education in its district schools, which was afterward supplemented by an attendance at the Mexico Academy. He was an ambitious and industrious lad, and on leaving school secured employment in a hardware store; but, ere he had been there many months, the tocsin of war resounded throughout the country, and, filled with patriotic ardor, he hastened to his country's defence, and on September 14, 1861, enlisted in Company G, Eighty-first New York Infantry, the company being commanded by Captain Henry Thomson. With his gallant regiment he participated in the most important battles of the Peninsular Campaign, under General George B. McClellan, being in twenty-nine engagements. On the bloody fields of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, at the siege of Charleston, at Cold Harbor, at Drury's Bluffs, Fort Harrison, and at Petersburg, Mr. Hunt performed heroic duty in defence of his country's flag, and at Fort Harrison, Va., received his honorable discharge, October 25, 1864, after a little more than three years of continuous service. He was one of the youngest soldiers in the army, being but seventeen years old when he enlisted; but of those noble heroes none did more brave or faithful service than he.

After his return to Oswego Mr. Hunt resumed his occupation with his former employer, W. A. Kitts, remaining as clerk in his hardware store until 1866, when he removed to the town of Ira, and engaged in business on his own account. Opening a store for the sale of hardware, Mr. Hunt re-

mained in that place four years, coming thence to Catoville in 1870, and founding the first hardware concern in the town. In selecting Catoville as a place of location, his shrewd judgment and keen foresight are well evinced in the extensive and lucrative trade he has built up, his patronage being large and of the kind that insures success. He enlarged his business from time to time, as his patronage warranted, and in 1891 formed a partnership with William J. Kerr, his increasing trade requiring more assistance; and they now handle a complete line of hardware and agricultural implements, their stock being one of the finest in Cayuga County.

Mr. Hunt was united in marriage on the 10th of October, 1866, to Eliza Follett, who was born in the town of Victory, Cayuga County, a daughter of William and Maria Follett. Mr. and Mrs. Follett were natives of Albany County, but soon after their marriage settled in Cayuga County, where Mr. Follett carried on general farming for many years, being numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Ira. During their residence in this county they performed their share toward aiding its advancement and development, both passing from the scene of their earthly labors in the town of Ira, when advanced in years, Mr. Follett living to the ripe old age of ninety-three, while his estimable wife passed on to the higher life at the age of fourscore and four. He was a Republican in politics. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reared a family of nine children, of whom seven are



now living. Into the household of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt four children have been born, namely: Glenora, who lives at home; William, a clerk in a store at Cato; Emma, who is engaged in teaching; and Hattie, who lives at home.

Besides his mercantile interests Mr. Hunt is the owner of fifty acres of valuable land in the town of Ira, from which he receives a good rent. He is held in high esteem throughout the vicinity, and as a merchant has the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, his honor and probity being almost proverbial in the town. In promoting the public welfare of the town or county, he takes a deep interest, contributing liberally to any enterprise for the advancement of either. In politics he is a conscientious supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and, though he does not often take an active part in local affairs, served as Town Clerk in Ira four years, and as Postmaster of the village of Ira for two years. Socially, he is a member of Cato Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M., and is prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to O'Brien Post, No. 65, of Oswego.

**P**ORTER PHELPS, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Cayuga County, and whose family history is closely linked with that of his native town, was born in Sennett, Cayuga County, N.Y., June 11, 1832. For three generations, and since the settlement of this part of the State, the name of Phelps has been well

known, and has always carried with it the weight of trust and perfect confidence. Zimri Phelps, the paternal grandfather, came from Connecticut during the last century, and settled in Scipio, being one of the first white men to enter the unbroken forests of this region. The journey was long and tedious, and was made overland with ox teams, horses being very rare in those days, and railroads unheard of. It is hard now to imagine this country covered with forests, and see with the mind's eye the heavy drags piled with household furniture, and drawn by the quiet, peaceful oxen; while the men walked by their heads and gently urged them on or guided them with that curious call which we now so seldom hear, the women and children walking by the side of the wagons. It recalls to mind that beautiful tale of Acadia, which Longfellow has made immortal:—

“Driving in ponderous wains their household goods to  
the seashore,  
Pausing, and looking back to gaze once more on  
their dwellings,  
Ere they were shut from sight by the winding road  
and the woodland.  
Close at their sides their children ran, and urged on  
the oxen,  
While in their little hands they clasped some frag-  
ments of playthings.”

Alike, and yet how different, was this sturdy New England man from those poor, oppressed peasants! They were scattered forth upon the face of the earth to wander from place to place, lonely and unhappy; while this traveller of ours, of his own accord,



was seeking out a new home, where he dwelt the remainder of his life, surrounded by none but happy associations. With his own hands he felled the trees for his log house and his barn, hunted the wild deer and bear in the forest, and planted his garden in the clearing. After some years he sold his property in Scipio, and bought a tract of land in Sennett. This, which was only half cleared, he worked steadily for many years, until the ravages of that fell disease, cancer, which finally caused his death, made it impossible for him to go about his regular occupations.

The son of this pioneer farmer was Almerion, father of Porter Phelps; and he, like his ancestors, followed agricultural pursuits, and remained at home until he was of age, when he started out "without money and without land," and worked land on shares for thirty years, so that at the time of his father's death he had accumulated sufficient wealth to enable him to buy out the other heirs, and possess himself of the old homestead, where he spent the rest of his life. His wife was Linda, daughter of Simri Sunerlin, of Connecticut; and she had four sons and a daughter—Porter, Edgar, Charles, Clark D., and Amelia. All the children are married and living near the old home.

Porter Phelps, following the traditions of his ancestors, determined to spend his life in the pursuit of agriculture, and remained at home until of age, when he started out with a pair of willing hands, a well-trained head, and empty pockets. He began work for ten dollars per month, and then worked for two

years in the old stone mill; but that did not suit his taste, and he was glad to go back again to his well-beloved farm. It is a well-known characteristic of the family that they never wander far from the paternal hearthstone; and Porter's first purchase was a tract of thirty acres about three miles from Auburn; and within sight of the old home. He, with an eye trained for generations in judging of such things, saw this land to be exceptional, and determined to spare no pains in improving it and adding to it, until he now has over one hundred and thirty acres, improved with fine farm buildings and yielding excellent and abundant crops. All his dealings have been very successful, and his farm is pointed out as one of the best in the county.

On November 7, 1852, Mr. Phelps married Martha Jane Ellsworth, of Sennett. She died September 23, 1887, having had four children. Eva, who was the wife of Henry Randell, died at the age of thirty-four, leaving one child, Rolls, who lives with his grandfather, and assists him in his various interests. Emma E. is the wife of Charles F. Grant, a farmer of Sennett. Ada married William G. Romage; and they have one child, Freeman, a farmer in Sennett. George still lives in Sennett. Mr. Phelps's second marriage was celebrated November 14, 1889, Miss Cornelia Scrivner becoming his wife. She is a native of Auburn, and a daughter of Nicholas K. and Mary (Goodes) Scrivner, of Bedfordshire, England, who came to America in 1832. Mrs. Phelps is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Auburn.



Mr. Phelps has always voted with the Republican party, in that, as in everything else, following the example of his ancestors. He is a man of great strength of character, spotless integrity, and a generosity unexcelled by any of his townsmen. Coming as he does from one of the oldest families in this part of the State, he is justly proud of his descent, and is himself an illustrious example of the American agriculturist of the present day.

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**J**ONAS E. BEEBE, an enterprising hotel proprietor at Spring Lake, in Conquest, was born October 2, 1850, near his present place. His grandfather, Joshua Beebe, came to this section at a very early period, and was for many years a Methodist circuit preacher. He spent a large part of his life hereabouts, but finally died in the West. Timothy Beebe, the father of Jonas, was born in this neighborhood, and grew up as a farmer, but, after reaching manhood, went into the hotel business, first at Port Byron, then at Mosquito Point, Sterling Centre, and Hannibalville. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-first New York Battery, but was taken ill, and died at Baton Rouge, La., at the age of forty-seven, while in the army with Banks's famous expedition. His wife was Catherine, one of the twelve children of Joseph Thompson, an early settler in Hainault Woods, where he cleared a farm, and built a log cabin, in which his daughter Catherine was born. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Beebe had but one child, Jonas E., who was

also born in a log house, where his parents lived for some years. The mother went to Victory after her husband's death, and there died in 1876, aged fifty-seven.

At the time of his father's decease Jonas was only twelve years old. He attended the district school, and for several years worked out by the month, sometimes at farming and sometimes at lumbering. In 1875, at the age of twenty-five, not long before his mother's death, he bought a farm in Victory, which ten years later he exchanged for the hotel he has ever since prosperously conducted. At the time of his going to Victory he married Matilda Blanchard, daughter of Oliver and Orinda Blanchard, who carried on a farm in the same town. Mrs. Beebe died after six years of married life, having borne one child, Josephine. By his second wife, Ida E. McQueen, daughter of Jerome and Carolina McQueen, descended from pioneers, Mr. Beebe has two children — Amanda and Rosamond. In politics he is liberal, but not partisan. He attends the Methodist church, to which his mother belonged. "What is bred in the bone will endure"; and Mr. Beebe's career is an illustration of this saying, as his position and success amply testify.

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**R**OBERT W. SCHICHT, job printer and box manufacturer of Auburn, N.Y., was born November 28, 1848, at Reichenberg, Bohemia, Austria, and received his early education in his native town, where he attended the high school.



His father, Florian Schicht, who was a manufacturer and finisher of cloth, died when Robert was fifteen years of age. Upon the completion of his school life, Robert engaged with a manufacturer of cotton yarns, and was also a book-keeper. In July, 1860, he came to America, and settled in the city of Auburn, where he worked at the William J. Morse book-binding for two years. Afterward he was employed in paper-box making in Syracuse, in New York, and in Boston. He returned to Auburn about 1870, and began the manufacture of paper boxes, his establishment being first located on Genesee Street, and later the corner of South and Genesee Streets. He had only a moderate plant to commence with; but, his business rapidly increasing, he was obliged to move into more extensive premises in the Selover Block. He afterward added job printing to his other business, the firm name being then R. W. Schicht & Co. The business increased to such an extent that Mr. Schicht built a large building on Hoffman Street, Nos. 14 and 16, one hundred feet long, with five thousand feet of floor space, where he does all kinds of job printing, including theatrical and a fine line of commercial printing, and manufactures paper and cigar boxes, and other similar articles, giving employment to about twenty-five people, and having a heavy pay-roll.

Mr. Schicht was elected to the position of Alderman, March 1, 1892, and has served as the Chairman of the Legal Committee and the Fire Department Committee, and on the Committee on Streets and Bridges. He was

re-elected in the First Ward by the Republicans by a large majority in the spring of the present year, 1894. Mr. Schicht is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and an Honorary Member of the Turnverein.

Mr. Schicht is united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Rhodes of this city, and has three children; namely, William, Ilma, and Ruby. Mr. Schicht has built a very nice home at No. 16 Hoffman Street. The family are members and supporters of St. John's Church (Episcopal).

During his residence in this country Mr. Schicht has met with remarkable success, which is due in all particulars to his own energy and capacity for business. He is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Auburn, and as such has gained their esteem and respect in a high degree.

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**T**HOMAS CLARK, who is now operating a choice and well-tilled farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres in the town of Aurelius, was one of the noble volunteers of the late war, in which he fought bravely and suffered much for his adopted country. His father, James Clark, was born in Oxfordshire, England, being the son of one Thomas Clark, who was a butler in an ancient family of that place. James Clark was educated in the village schools of his native town, and in later years became a successful gardener and farmer. He married Jane Preston, also a native of Oxfordshire, where they both spent their entire lives. They reared a family of



eleven children; namely, Henry, Charles, Thomas, John, Henry, Sarah, Elizabeth, Harriet, Mary, Anna, and Helen.

Thomas was born in Oxfordshire, England, December 9, 1841. He began his education in his native country, attending the public schools. Being an ambitious and adventurous lad, full of courage and spirit, he resolved to come to America. Accordingly, in 1858 he sailed from Liverpool, on the steamer "City of Washington," making the trip to New York City in twelve days, which was a very quick passage for those days. During the first winter after his arrival in this country he continued his studies in the district school of Scipio. He subsequently spent a year in Fleming, going thence to Springport, where he was living at the outbreak of the late Civil War. At the first call for volunteers he at once responded, enlisting in Company K, Third New York Light Battery. He was an active and faithful soldier, participating in the following battles, the two days' siege at Charleston, the battles of Kingston, Goldsboro, Rawley, Tarboro, Little Washington, and many other important engagements. On February 2, 1864, Mr. Clark was taken prisoner, and after lying in Libby prison ten days was removed to Belle Isle, where he suffered four weeks. He was then transferred to Andersonville, remaining there until September. From that time until the next March, 1865, he was incarcerated in the prison at Florence, S.C., when he was taken to Wilmington and placed under parole, having been for fourteen months an inmate of the rebel prisons, where

he had suffered untold horrors. Weak, emaciated, and physically disabled, he was then placed in the hospital at Annapolis, Md., where he remained until receiving his honorable discharge in July, 1865.

After his return to Cayuga County Mr. Clark spent a few weeks in Auburn, and then tried his fortunes in the oil regions of Pennsylvania; but, not finding his ventures profitable, he returned to Auburn, and for a few months was employed by a Mr. Dunning. In 1866 he bought a farm of seventy-five acres, on which he labored for a while, clearing about twelve acres, afterward selling it to Mr. J. B. Shank. Mr. Clark then purchased his present farm, or rather one hundred and forty-five acres of it. He has bought other land, his homestead now comprising one hundred and ninety-five acres, all of which is in an excellent state of cultivation, twenty acres having been cleared by him since taking possession of it. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, and a man of rare business ability, having met with more than ordinary success in his undertakings.

In 1866 Mr. Thomas Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ann French, a daughter of John and Ann (Knowles) French, natives of Ireland. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children—Kate J., William B., and Cora B. The elder daughter, Kate, married Spencer Boak, of Springport; and they have two children—Thomas S. and Eugene.

As will be seen by a perusal of this sketch, Mr. Clark is an active, capable man of busi-



ness, and a successful agriculturist, having already accumulated a comfortable competence. In local affairs he takes a warm interest, and is ranked among the valued and esteemed citizens of his town. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the Episcopal church. In politics he has always been a strong Republican. Socially, he is a member of Post No. 37 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**EDGAR D. MOSHER**, a prominent and influential farmer of Scipio, occupies a fine homestead in District No. 11, comprising upward of three hundred acres of finely cultivated land, upon which he has erected a good modern dwelling and all the other buildings required by the progressive agriculturist. Here he has lived for nearly a quarter of a century, and during the time has firmly established himself in the confidence and esteem of the community. He is a gentleman of fine abilities, well educated and well informed, and takes an active interest in current events, whether local or national. Mr. Mosher is of English ancestry. He was born in the town of Ledyard, Cayuga County, N.Y., May 18, 1842, a son of the late Edgar Mosher, who was born in Dutchess County, New York, October 18, 1804. His grandfather, Amos Mosher, was also a native of the Empire State, and was a grandson of Hugh Mosher.

Edgar Mosher, son of Amos, was reared to manhood in Dutchess County, and there lived several years after his marriage. In 1837,

accompanied by his family, he removed to this county, coming from Albany by boat on the canal and the lake, and for a while thereafter lived at the stone house. His first purchase of land in Cayuga County consisted of forty acres in the town of Ledyard, which he carried on successfully for ten years. Disposing of that, he subsequently bought another farm in the same town, from which he improved a comfortable homestead, and lived thereon until his death, on the 30th of January, 1874. His wife, whose death occurred on January 10, 1890, was Sarah, a daughter of Caleb and Mary (Howland) Mosher. She bore him seven children; namely, David H., Caleb E., Betsey D., Mariette, Amos, Edgar D., and Charles S. Mosher. David married Martha Deland, and his widow lives in Michigan. Betsey has been twice married. Her first husband was Emery McComber, by whom she had one child, Mary Jane. After his death she married Enoch Wilbur, of Dutchess County. Mariette, who is the wife of John VanLiew, of Scipio, has seven children. Caleb, who lives in Ohio, married Sarah Gleason; and they have two children. Amos, who married Olive A. Fuller, of Scipio, has three sons and one daughter. Charles S., a resident of Auburn, married Lucy M. Brown; and they have one son.

Edgar D. Mosher, fourth son of Edgar, laid the foundation of his substantial education in the district schools of Ledyard, supplementing that by an attendance at the academies of Union Springs and Auburn. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he and his



brother Amos, who was also a farmer, bought the old McComber farm in 1864; and for four years they carried it on with signal success. The succeeding three years they were engaged in the stage and livery business in Union Springs. Coming thence to Scipio, they purchased the Petitt farm on the Ridge road, which comprised one hundred and fifty-five acres of arable land, and continued the improvements already begun. Desiring to increase their operations, they bought eighty acres of adjoining land in 1875, and five years later added another seventy-five acres by purchase. They then dissolved partnership; and Edgar D. became the owner of his present fine homestead, on which he has made excellent improvements, having built a new and convenient residence, barn, and wagon-house, replacing the old red dwelling-house that stood on the corner of Union Springs road. Aside from general farming, in which Mr. Mosher has been more than usually prospered, he devotes a good deal of attention to the raising of fine stock, in which he finds much profit and pleasure, his handsome herd containing from one to five registered Jersey cattle. Among the intelligent and skilful farmers of Cayuga County Mr. Mosher occupies a foremost position, and has served, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all, as President of the Board of Agriculture for eight or ten years, and is a Director and the Treasurer of the Cayuga County Farmers' Insurance Company. He and his family are worthy members of the Baptist church. In political affairs Mr. Mosher affiliates with the

Republican party, and his first Presidential vote was cast in 1864 for Abraham Lincoln.

The union of Mr. Mosher with Hattie E. Fuller was solemnized in 1864. Mrs. Mosher is the daughter of Hezekiah and Mary (Ball) Fuller, of Aurelius; and her father was a native of Greene County, while her mother was born in Mentz. Mr. Mosher and his estimable wife are the parents of five children — Burr Burton, Jay C., Gail W., C. Estelle, and M. Flossie. Burton, who was graduated from the academy of Union Springs in 1886, received his diploma from the Brooklyn Medical College in 1890, and the following year was Resident Surgeon in the Brooklyn Hospital. He then opened his office on South Oxford Street, but is now located at No. 202 Schermerhorn Street, where he is meeting with excellent results in the practice of his profession, and bids fair to become one of the leading physicians of the county. He married Harriet D. Piper, a young woman of culture and refinement. Jay married Nellie Smith, of Fleming; and they have a most pleasant home, and are held in esteem in social circles. Stella, who is a bright, accomplished young lady, has taken two extra terms at the Union Springs Academy, from which she was graduated in 1894.

GEORGE W. CLARK, ex-Postmaster of Union Springs, N.Y., to which position he was appointed by the Harrison administration, December 21, 1889, was born in this town, April 26, 1834. His father,



Lewis Clark, who was an old and well-known resident of the place, was the son of Ichabod Clark, of Ballston Springs, Saratoga County, N.Y., which place had been the home of the Clark family for some generations. Ichabod and his family moved to Union Springs, which was then called Scipio, when Lewis was about nine years old, and not far from the year 1800. He bought a large tract of land, and was one of the pioneer farmers of this vicinity. He was one of the first members of the Baptist church, his home being frequently the dwelling-place of one of the local preachers.

Lewis Clark grew to maturity here, receiving a good practical education in the district school, and then engaged for a time in farming. He married Miss Rhoda Lake, daughter of the Rev. Warner Lake, of Scipio, one of the earliest Baptist ministers in this vicinity, and continued to dwell here as a farmer until 1865, when he moved to Washington, Mich., buying a large farm near Ypsilanti, where he resided until his death in 1867. He was Justice of the Peace and Supervisor, and also one of the appraisers of the New York Central Railroad, when it was put through this county. He was a Deacon for many years in the Union Springs Baptist Church, and also Trustee of the Building Committee of the old church that was burned. Mrs. Clark survived her husband for some years, dying in Michigan, leaving a family of seven children, namely: James B., of Tennessee; Annice D., wife of George R. Kent, of Scipioville; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Gray, of Ypsilanti,

Mich.; George W., of Union Springs; Orin L., of the same place; E. D. Clark, of Ypsilanti; and W. Frank, of North Lausing, Mich.

George W. Clark was educated in the public schools at Union Springs, and, upon arriving at maturity, engaged in farming for himself. He went to Illinois for a short time, sojourning at Bloomington, and, returning to this vicinity, continued as a farmer in the southern part of the town until 1882. During this time he was elected Supervisor of Springport, which office he has held for three terms, 1875, 1876, and 1877. He was appointed Chairman of the Equalization and other committees. He still owns the farm, but is now engaged in the manufacture of drain tiles, and also deals in coal, his place of business being located just north of the railway station. He is quite an extensive dealer in farming implements, his yard and warehouse being situated on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He was also agent for twelve years for D. M. Osborne & Co., of Auburn. He has been a Trustee of the village, and is also an active worker in the Republican ranks, having been a member of the Republican County Central Committee many times, and also delegate to the different conventions.

His first marriage was to Miss Jeanette M. Schenck, who died, leaving two children, namely: Albert H., who is now in the tile works and a joint partner with his father; and Jotham G., also now a partner in the tile works. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary A. Cozzens, of this town, who is the



mother of three children, namely: Daniel, in Chicago, one of the head clerks of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad; and William and Lizzie, who are living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are attendants of the Baptist church of this town. Mr. Clark has always been a strong temperance advocate, and at the time of the old Rechabite temperance organization took an active part in that order in an official capacity. Mr. Clark is one of the representative business men of the town, and in the discharge of the duties of his office as Postmaster showed that the trust reposed in him was fully deserved.

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**N**ELSON D. BLOOD, M.D. The busy section of Cayuga County, in which is located the thriving village of Aurelius, contains many professional and business men of note as well as prosperous agriculturists. Prominent among the former class may be mentioned Dr. Blood, who has a large and lucrative practice, his skill as a physician being universally recognized. He was born in the town of Guilford, Chenango County, N.Y., in July, 1846. His parents were Orson and Elizabeth (Humphrey) Blood.

Orson Blood was of English descent, and was born in Canaan, Conn., where his childhood days were spent. With his parents he emigrated to Chenango County in the early days of its settlement, making the overland trip with an ox team; and for several years thereafter he assisted them in their pioneer labors. When a young man he went to

Honesdale, Pa., where he learned the painter's trade; then, forming a partnership with his brother Alanson, he remained there ten years, successfully engaged in that occupation. Removing to Fulton, Oswego County, and forming a partnership with a Mr. Gardener, he carried on the painting business for about five years. Then, returning to Chenango County, he made that his permanent home, residing there until his death in 1884. He was a man of genuine worth, intelligent and enterprising, highly respected for his many fine characteristics. He married Elizabeth Humphrey, daughter of Carleton and Polly (Paine) Humphrey; and of the children born of this union only one, the subject of this brief narrative, grew to maturity.

Nelson D. Blood was deprived of a mother's tender care in his early years, her death having occurred in 1851, when he was but five years of age. He received superior educational advantages, attending the Guilford Academy and the Auburn High School after leaving the district school, then taking a course at the Michigan University in Ann Arbor. Deciding on a professional life, he afterward studied medicine at the Bellevue Medical College in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1874. After receiving his diploma, he opened an office and began practice in Cayuga. From there Dr. Blood removed to Ira, where he remained ten years, and continually added to the excellent reputation he had already won as a practitioner. Going thence to Auburn, he resided in that place until the spring of 1893, when



he came to the village of Cayuga, where he has gained a substantial patronage and hosts of friends by his unremitting attention to the duties of his profession, his success in the practice of the healing art attesting his thorough knowledge of medical science.

The marriage of Dr. Blood with Miss Cornelia Warrick, a daughter of William and Fanny (Hoagland) Warrick, was solemnized in 1871. Their home, which is among the most cheerful and attractive of any to be found in the county, is an agreeable resort for their many friends and acquaintances; and they hold an assured place among the good people of their community. Religiously, they are consistent members of the First Methodist Church of Auburn. Socially, the Doctor belongs to the Cayuga County Medical Society. In politics he is, and always has been, a stanch Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864.

RRIN W. BURRITT, a leading hardware merchant of Weedsport, N.Y., was born in Roxbury, Litchfield County, Conn., May 6, 1827, and is the son of Roswell and Ann N. (Seward) Burritt, his mother having been a second cousin of Governor Seward. Roswell Burritt was born in Roxbury, November 11, 1802, and was a farmer by occupation, being a resident of his native town until his death, which occurred in 1871. Eben Burritt, the father of Roswell, was a resident of Roxbury during his later life, but for many years resided at Strat-

ford on the Sound. He was a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, taking a conspicuous part in many engagements. He married Miss Sarah Fairchild, who lived to be one hundred years old. They had a family of four sons—Lewis, Daniel S., Philo, and Roswell. Roswell Burritt was, unfortunately, blind after he reached his forty-fifth year. During his younger days he was a prominent militia-man, and was also an active member of the Congregational church. He was the father of eight children, namely: Orrin W.; George, who died in New York City; Charles W., also deceased; Lewis B.; Sarah; Anna M.; Henry E.; and J. Dwight Burritt.

Orrin W. Burritt received his early education at the Roxbury High School, and afterward learned the tinner's trade and hardware business at New Milford and Bridgeport, Conn., spending a regular apprenticeship therein. In 1850 he came to Weedsport to work for Beach & Burritt, the junior member of the firm being his cousin; and, after working with them until October, 1852, he bought them out, and started business for himself, which he has successfully conducted up to the present time, being the oldest merchant in business in the village. He carries a full line of every description of shelf hardware, also stoves and heaters, and also does a very large wholesale business, having men on the road to sell the ware which he manufactures. Mr. Burritt is of a distinctly inventive turn of mind, and has invented many excellent devices. In 1871 he patented a machine for



seaming iron and tin roofs, known as "Burritt's Duplex Treadle Seamer," for which there is a fine demand and large sale. Mr. Burritt has also invented a shop machine called the "Burritt New Cross Lock Seamer," which was patented in 1884, and improved in 1888. This also has a ready sale, being handled by over one hundred jobbing houses, and being in general use from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore. Mr. Burritt gives employment to a number of skilled workmen, and has a large plant. He has also been engaged in other kinds of business, and was a partner for twelve years in the firm of Donald, Palmer & Co. He owns considerable real estate in the village, both residential and for business purposes. He has built a block of buildings near the corner of Seneca and Brutus Streets, and also owns several other business blocks. He is now engaged in erecting the first steel buildings in this county, upon the property known as "the burnt district." In addition to the store in Weedsport he has also a branch store at Port Byron, where he has a full line of hardware. Mr. Burritt has been President of the village for two terms, and has also served on the board on a number of occasions. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Weedsport Rural Cemetery, in which many improvements have been made under his administration. Mr. Burritt has taken a great interest in educational matters, and for a period of nine years served on the School Board. He has always been an active and ardent Republican, but has never sought any public office.

Mr. Burritt married Miss Bessie Bell, a daughter of General Isaac Bell, of Weedsport, who was one of the originators of the New York & Lake Ontario Railroad—since the Southern Central, and at the present time a branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad—and was Vice-President of the first incorporation, at one time owning all of the old Lake Ontario Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Burritt have one daughter, Belle, now Mrs. James R. Palmer, of this place, and associated with her father in business. Mrs. Palmer has one child, a daughter, Bessie Belle Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Burritt are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a Trustee for thirty years, having been elected in 1862, the year the church was built. He was Steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school for thirteen years, resigning his position about a year and a half ago. Mr. Burritt has been eminently successful in his business life, and has the proud satisfaction of being the architect of his own fortune. He is well known as one of the most honorable and upright of men. He has ever been a loving husband and father and a just master. His services have always been readily and freely given in the furtherance of the interests of the village, and of him it may well be said that he is the personification of the true American citizen.

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**G**EOERGE L. WATKINS, a prominent and prosperous citizen of Cayuga County, has long been identified with the in-



terests of Scipio, where he is successfully engaged in mereantile business. He is a man of strict integrity, and possesses in a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his townspeople, and during his career as a merchant has built up an extensive and profitable trade. He was born in Aurelius, January 30, 1820, and is of Welsh ancestry, his grandfather, Henry Watkins, who emigrated to America in old Colonial days, having been a native of Wales. Taking upon himself the rights and duties of a citizen, Henry Watkins served his adopted country in her time of need, doing brave service during the War of the Revolution. He was with that brave patriot, Ethan Allen; and at the time of Burgoyne's surrender he was one of the number appointed to carry despatches to the defeated commander. After the close of the war he took up a soldier's grant of six hundred and forty acres of land in the town of Scipio, and there in 1790 built the first frame house in Cayuga County. He had a great deal of native mechanical ability, and did the work on the house himself. Indians had formerly occupied his homestead; and he found many of their relics, among others a rude cross with an image of Christ carved on one side, and of the Virgin Mary on the other, which he dug up near the old Indian burying-ground. In the settlement of the county he was very much interested, and assisted in its survey, and during his residence here became one of its most influential citizens. Prior to the Revolution he had lived in Washington County; but, after becoming a land-holder in

this part of the State, he removed here with his family, bringing all his worldly possessions, which included among other things a barrel of pork and a barrel of whiskey. His first work was to build the customary log cabin, with a puncheon floor and a chimney made of mud and sticks. Bears, deer, and other game were plentiful, and furnished many a meal for the early settlers; and the women of the family, who bravely shared the labors and privations endured by the sterner sex, wove, spun, and fashioned all the clothing of the family. The maiden name of his wife was Loomis. She bore him five children, three sons and two daughters — Henry, Peter, Samuel, Phebe, and Lucy. These children were all brought up to work, and were of great assistance to their parents. Carriages in this part of the country were then unknown, and would have been of little use in the narrow bridle-paths that constituted the highways. Consequently most of the traveling was performed on horseback, and the daughters of Mr. Watkins frequently made long journeys in that manner.

Samuel Watkins, the third son of Henry, was born in Granville, Washington County, being quite young when he came with his parents to Scipio, where he did his full share of pioneer labor, felling the trees of the forest as soon as strong enough to wield an axe, and afterward assisting in cultivating and improving the land. During the War of 1812, when business was unsettled all over the country, he was engaged in merchandising. In company with many others he failed; and it took



him some time to recover from the effects of his failure. He was also at that time in the employment of the government, and was engaged in drawing munitions of war from Utica to Sackett's Harbor. He was a prominent citizen of the county, and was closely identified with its growth and prosperity. He enjoyed the friendship of some of the leading men of the times, one of whom, Governor Morgan Lewis, he entertained during his visit to Scipio. He married Polly Griswold, the daughter of Amaziah Griswold, a leading pioneer of Cayuga County, in whose honor Fort Griswold was named; and they reared ten children—Samuel, Jared, Jane, Solomon, Ransom, Roswell, George L., Ledry, Amaziah, and Napoleon.

George L. Watkins, the seventh child of Samuel and Polly (Griswold) Watkins, obtained his preliminary education in the district schools of his native town, and later in life attended a select school that was conducted by Mr. Nash, acquiring a practical knowledge of the common branches of study. Reared on the parental homestead, he was of great assistance in clearing the heavy timber from the farm which his father opened up in the wilderness, and in cultivating the soil; and in the earlier years of his manhood he continued thus engaged. He subsequently opened a store for general merchandise, and has built up a large and lucrative trade, and at the present day is everywhere recognized as a thoroughly capable business man, straightforward in his course, honorable in his dealings, and prompt to meet his obligations.

Inheriting the genial disposition and kindly nature of his father, he makes and retains friends among all classes of people, and has many souvenirs of their good will, cherishing among other things a bottle of wine given him by General Doubleday in 1840.

The marriage of Mr. Watkins with Ann E. Crise, a daughter of William and Eliza L. (DeShong) Crise, of whom a sketch is given in connection with that of Henry G. Crise, was celebrated September 25, 1844. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children, of whom the following is the record: Henry, who was born in January, 1846, lived but a few short years, passing from earth in April, 1859. Ellen Eliza, whose birth occurred in August, 1849, passed to the pale realms of shade when little more than an infant, dying in the purity of childhood, in 1852. Ada W., who was born in 1862, is the wife of Frederic C. Gifford, and has one child, Ada Irene.

Mr. Watkins is a man of influence, and held in high respect throughout the community where he has so long resided, being an important factor in its business interests, and taking a deep interest in the welfare of his town and county. Politically, he is an uncompromising Democrat, and served as Postmaster under the Presidential administrations of James K. Polk, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Millard Fillmore, and Grover Cleveland. He has also been candidate for Representative and for County Clerk. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 221, A. F. & A. M., of



Scipio; and his wife is a valued member of the Presbyterian church.

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**D**AVID LANSING HOPKINS, an esteemed resident of the town of Throop, is a representative agriculturist of Cayuga County, whose farms for fertility, productiveness, and substantial improvements compare favorably with any to be found within the borders of the Empire State, and are strikingly indicative of the ambition, ability, and thrift of the owners. Mr. Hopkins is of Irish descent, his paternal great-grandfather having been born on the soil of Erin. Emigrating from there to New York, he became one of the early settlers of Washington County, where he reared his family, and passed the remainder of his days.

David Hopkins, a son of the emigrant, received superior educational advantages, and became a lawyer of distinction, serving as a Judge in the courts of Washington County, of which he was a life-long resident. His son, Ira Hopkins, was educated in the common schools of his native county, and there grew to manhood. Ambitious and enterprising, the young man resolved to seek his fortunes in a newer country; and, accordingly, he came to Cayuga County, driving the whole distance, and bringing with him his entire outfit. Settling near Centreport in Brutus, he purchased a tract of land, on which he built a house as the first essential improvement, afterward beginning to clear the land. His attention, however, was not entirely

given to farming, as his aptitude for business led him to own and run boats on the canal, carrying passengers and freight, and also to open a canal storehouse, which proved a profitable investment, his name remaining on the door until a few years ago. He was a faithful soldier in the War of 1812, serving until its close. Leaving Centreport, he bought a farm in the town of Throop, and carried on general farming until 1836, when he removed to Auburn, where his death occurred. He married Bathsheba Johnson, daughter of Levi Johnson, of Throopsville, who bore him seven children — Levi, Betsey, Austin, Fanny, Minerva, David Lansing, and Louise.

David Lansing Hopkins was born March 17, 1821, in the town of Throop. Being a bright, intelligent lad and an apt scholar, he improved the unusually good opportunities afforded him for obtaining an education, and pursued his studies at the Auburn Academy and the Geneva Lyceum, after leaving the public schools. Soon after his graduation he taught school two terms in Mentz, going thence to Bourbon County, Kentucky, to engage in the same profession. During the year 1840 he again became a student, at the same time working on his father's homestead. Subsequently, when his father went to Auburn, he assumed the management of the home farm, which he has since carried on with skill and success, his land being well cultivated and well improved, the place furnished with ample and comfortable buildings and all necessary appliances for facilitating his work.



Mr. Hopkins was married in 1844 to Louisa Paddock, daughter of Jonathan and Mercy (Weaver) Paddock. Their union was hal- lowed by the birth of seven children, the fol- lowing: Chauncey, who married Flora Gould, and died, leaving her with one child, Carrie; Henry, deceased; Charles, deceased; George, deceased; Ira, who married Josephine Chase, daughter of Stephen Chase, and has three children — Carrie, Stephen, and Minnie; Minerva, who is the wife of James Waldron, a son of Charles Waldron, lives near Bing- hamton, Broome County, N.Y., and has two children — James and Rufus; Albert, who married Frances Barber, daughter of Benja- min Barber, has one child, Harry, and he and his family live on the homestead. Mr. Hop- kins is a man of strong character, always ready to do whatever duty devolves upon him, whether in business, social, or political life. He is an earnest advocate of Republicanism, and cast his first Presidential vote for Will- iam H. Harrison. Both he and his worthy wife are members of the Baptist church of Throopsville.

**W**ILLIAM KELLEY, senior partner of the firm of Kelley & Trufant, extensive dealers in general merchandise, is numbered among the valued factors of the business community of the village of Montezuma, and is contributing his full share toward its prosperity and high standing. He is a man of great energy and industry, honor- able and upright in all of his transactions, and possesses in a marked degree the impul-

sive and generous character everywhere no- ticeable in the Celtic race, of which he is a worthy representative. He is a native of Ire- land, where his birth occurred March 31, 1829, being a son of Thomas and Mary (Coul- ter) Kelley.

Thomas Kelley was born in the Emerald Isle, and there spent the first half of his life, being for many years occupied in farming and stock-raising. Not being quite satisfied with his condition or prospects in that country, he determined to seek his fortunes in the New World. Accordingly, a few months after the death of his wife, who passed away at the age of forty-five years, he set sail for the United States, accompanied by his children, landing in New York City in 1847. Proceeding di- rectly to Wisconsin, he and his sons bought a tract of land, and there engaged in general agriculture. Thus employed, he spent his remaining years, dying there at the advanced age of eighty years. Of the six sons and one daughter born to him and his wife four sons are now living, three of them — Samuel, Pat- rick, and James — being prosperous farmers in California, and the fourth is the subject of this brief biographical sketch.

William received a fair education in the old country, and there learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked seven years before crossing the Atlantic. Instead of accompany- ing his father and brothers to Wisconsin, he came to Cayuga County, New York, and has since made his home in Montezuma. He has never had time to be idle, but has worked at whatever his head and hands found to do,



having been engaged in various occupations. He was at first employed in boating, then entered into the coal business, and then for six years was engaged in hotel-keeping. In 1878 Mr. Kelley began his mercantile career, and from that time until the present has been one of the foremost merchants of this vicinity. Associated with him in his business is Curtiss Trufant, his nephew; and they have the largest store of the kind in the locality, carrying a complete stock of hardware and of all other goods usually found in a general store. They do a large business each year, their sales amounting from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand dollars, this firm being widely known for its stability.

In 1854 Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Harriet Smith, of Montezuma, a daughter of I. R. Smith. She was a woman possessing most excellent traits of character, a devoted wife and a tender mother, and among her many friends and neighbors was held in high regard. Her death, which occurred in 1885, when she had rounded out just half a century of years, was universally regretted. She bore her husband one child, Sarah, who married George Payne, and, dying at the age of twenty-eight years, left two sons, William and Charles Payne, who reside with their grandfather Kelley. In the welfare of his adopted town Mr. Kelley takes an active interest, always lending aid and encouragement to every enterprise conducive to the prosperity and advancement of the town, withholding not his hand in time of need, but contributing generously toward the public weal. He faith-

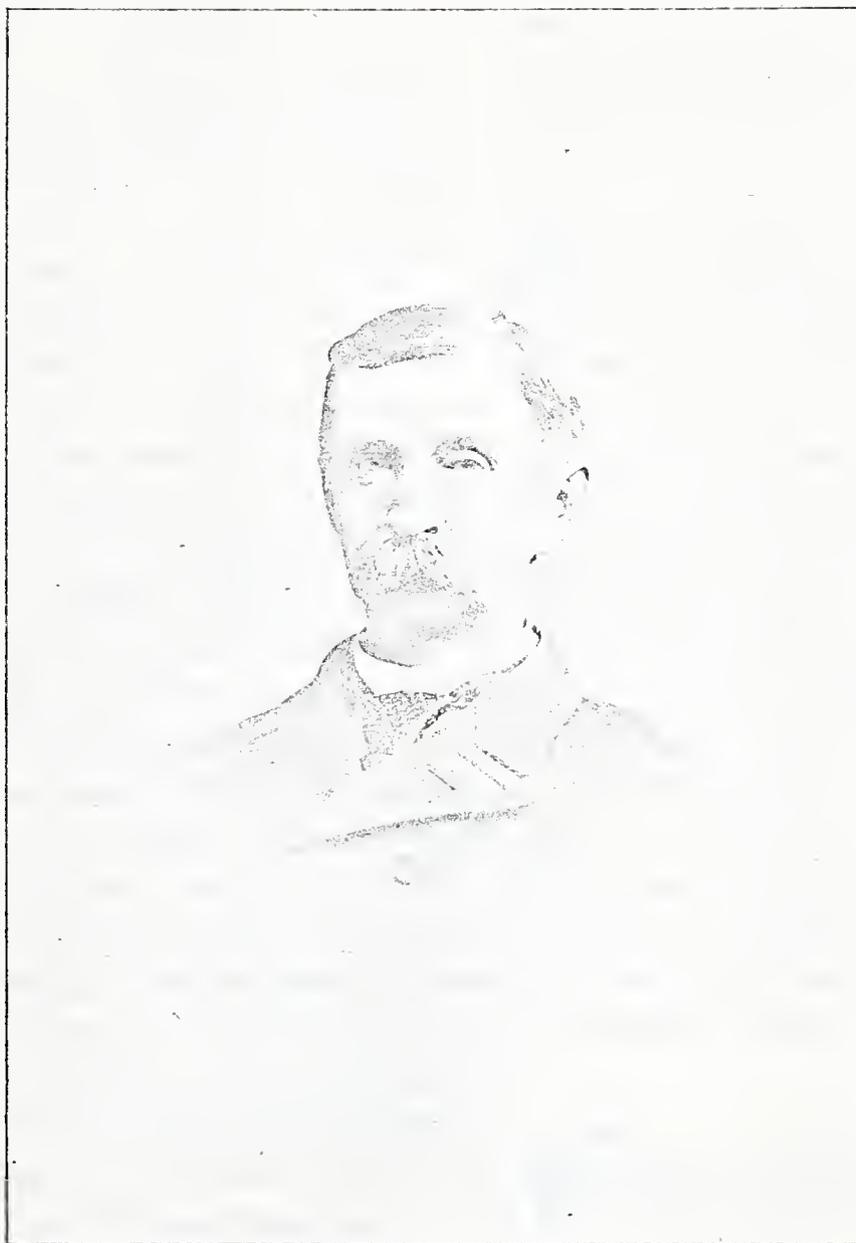
fully sustains the principles of the Republican party, and has served his fellow-townsmen as Assessor three years, and as Town Collector two years. In religious matters he is progressive and liberal; and socially he is a member of Montezuma Lodge, No. 176, A. F. & A. M.

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**F**RANK H. PARSONS, a well-known enterprising farmer of Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, N.Y., November 16, 1844. His father, Moses Parsons, was also a native of the same place. The grandfather, Elijah Parsons, was born at Northampton, Mass. The earliest of the name in that town was Joseph Parsons, called "Cornet Joseph," who came over from England, and settled in Springfield, Mass., in 1635, and afterward removed to Northampton, Mass. The second Joseph, son of the first, was a lawyer and a justice of the Court of Common Pleas, a very prominent and influential citizen of Northampton. His eldest son, the third Joseph Parsons, was graduated at Harvard College in 1697, and entered the ministry. In 1798 Elijah Parsons moved to Onondaga County, settling at Skaneateles, where he bought four hundred acres of timber-land. He commenced clearing this large tract of land in the fall, and then returned to Massachusetts to spend the winter, coming back to New York State in the ensuing spring, doing this for two consecutive years. In the spring of 1800 he built a log house and barn, and in the following year brought his



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wife with him to his new-made home. Mr. Parsons was by profession a civil engineer, and surveyed a greater part of Cayuga County. He was married to Miss Abigail Daley, and had three sons and four daughters.

The second son, Moses, was educated in the district schools, afterward attending the Geneva Medical College, where he was graduated. He practised in Jordan and Skaneateles for ten years; and, having inherited a portion of the old farm, he carried on general farming in addition to the duties of his profession. He spent the declining years of his life on his farm, where he died August 29, 1891, aged seventy-six. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who was a native of Devonshire, England, a daughter of Lewis Taylor, and had come to this country when a small child. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons reared two children — Frank H. and Mary E.

Frank H. Parsons was educated in the district schools, also attending the high school at Northampton, Mass., where he was graduated in 1864. He then returned home, and engaged in farming. He purchased a farm near his parents, afterward looking after his father's farm until 1884, when he married and moved to the town of Owasco, Cayuga County, there settling on his wife's farm of two hundred acres, the old Howard homestead. Together Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have between five hundred and six hundred acres of land. On the property at Owasco they have a feed and saw mill, the business of which has proved to be lucrative.

Mr. Parsons was married October 8, 1884,

to Miss Venette Howard, daughter of William and Asenath (Van Etten) Howard, both natives of Owasco. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of eight children — Franklin, Martha, Oscar, Orson, Edward, William, Mark, and Venette. Anthony Van Etten, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Parsons, came to Owasco in 1806. Here he married Miss Jemima Cudderback; and they reared eight children, four sons and four daughters. The Howards and Van Ettens are among the oldest and most respected families in this town.

Mr. Parsons is a staunch Republican in politics, but has never aspired to any public office, his large milling and agricultural interests taking up the whole of his time. By his universal courtesy and honorable dealings with his fellow-men he has gained the good will of all, and is looked upon as one of the most successful farmers in the district.

The accompanying portrait of Mr. Parsons will be recognized with pleasure by his friends and acquaintances in Cayuga County as they turn over the leaves of this volume to read the records and view the likenesses of representative citizens.

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**F**RANK S. WRIGHT, of Auburn, N.Y., attorney and counsellor-at-law, is a native of this city, where he was born on February 23, 1852, and is the son of George B. and Lydia J. (Thatcher) Wright, his father being one of the oldest and most prominent dentists of Auburn.

Frank S. Wright had the advantage of re-



ceiving a good sound education, being a diligent and successful student, and graduating from the high school in the class of 1878. Upon leaving school, he entered the Surrogate's office with the Hon. John T. M. Davie, as Clerk of his Court, occupying that position for three years, and was afterwards Crier of the Supreme and other courts of record in Cayuga County for the same length of time. Having always had a predilection for the law, he undertook a course of reading with Judge Davie in order to fit himself for the bar, and was admitted to practice in October, 1882, by examination at the general term of the Supreme Court, held at Rochester, N.Y., remaining with Surrogate Turner, Judge Davie's successor, until his term of office was through, when he commenced practice in his native city, January 1, 1883. Mr. Wright has made a specialty of probate law, in which he has a good practice, as well as in general law business, his only exception being criminal cases, which he does not care to have. Although devoting his attention exclusively to his law business, and never being an aspirant for public office, he has been honored by having his name placed on several occasions on the Democratic county and city ticket.

Mr. Frank S. Wright was married in January, 1891, to Miss Hester Cuykenshall, of Moravia, N.Y., and has one son, Carl. Mrs. Wright is a daughter of Wilhelmus Cuykenshall, a member of one of the oldest families in the county. Mr. Wright is a member and supporter of the First Presbyterian Church,

Mrs. Wright being a member of the Moravia Congregational Church. Mr. Wright by a strict attention to every detail in connection with his business is rapidly making a name for himself in his profession, a sure road to future honor and emolument.

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ALSON G. HOSKINS is a well-known and highly respected citizen of the town of Scipio, a scion of good New England stock, residing on his pleasant homestead in District No. 1, where he is successfully engaged in general farming. His father, Gaylord Hoskins, who was born in the State of Connecticut, was there bred and educated, and when of suitable age learned the shoemaker's trade. In the early part of the century he came to Onondaga County, walking the entire distance from his old home; and, settling in the town of Onondaga, he there bought a house and lot, and for many years worked at his trade, making custom shoes. In 1844 he removed to Cayuga County, where he bought a farm in the town of Springport; but, after engaging in general agriculture there for a while, he sold that property. He subsequently purchased land in Fleming, and, building a convenient house, there spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1867, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Late in the War of 1812 he was drafted; but, the war being nearly ended at that time, he did not go into service. His wife was Thirza Gillette, the daughter of Jonathan and Thirza (Clark) Gillette, of Onon-



daga County; and to them were born four children — Chester, Alson G., James T., and Harlow A. Chester married for his first wife Harriet Ramsay, James T. married C. E. Olmstead, and Harlow married Martha Hamlin.

Alson G. Hoskins was educated and reared to manhood in Onondaga County, and at the age of twenty-two years began the work of life on his own account by renting a farm in the town of Victory, where he engaged in agriculture; but, not satisfied with the result of his labors, he returned to the paternal home. He afterward spent five years in Aurelius, going thence to Fleming, where he was for twelve years successfully engaged in tilling the soil. In 1863 Mr. Hoskins bought the farm which he now owns and occupies in the town of Scipio. It contains ninety-seven acres of fertile land, which he has placed under excellent cultivation, and has well stocked and well equipped with all the needful appliances for successfully carrying on his work. Having labored diligently, perseveringly, and skilfully, bringing good judgment to the management of his affairs, he has secured enough of this world's goods to enable him to spend the remainder of his days in comfort, and in the enjoyment of the fruits of his many years of toil.

In January, 1844, Mr. Hoskins was united in wedlock with Rosaline A. Chase, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Tucker) Chase, of Onondaga County; and into their happy household were born the following children: Sarah, who married James W. Lyon,

of Scipio, has three children — Warren, Hettie, and Rosaline. Thirza, who married Dayton Edwards, of Throop, has two children — Claude and Harry, the elder of whom married Carrie Cooper; and they have one child, Bessie. Harry, who married Cora Brooks, also has one child. Charles, who married Hattie Close, of Scipio, has two children — Mabel and Roy. Willis married Anna Snyder. William married Jessie Miller, of Venice; and they have two children — Iva and Harry. Hettie is the wife of Charles Webster, of Throop; and they are the parents of one child, Ethel. The other daughter, Carrie, is now deceased.

In financial and business circles the ability and worth of Mr. Hoskins are recognized. In educational matters he takes a deep interest, and for fifteen years he has served as School Trustee; and while in Fleming he was Collector three or four years. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, and uniformly casts his vote with that party. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840, and has voted at every Presidential election since.

ALVIN D. STEWART, M.D., a leading physician and surgeon of Port Byron, N.Y., where he has been in practice since 1879, was born at Oneida, N.Y., February 1, 1854, and is the son of Robert J. and Elizabeth Stewart. Mr. Robert Stewart was a native of Johnstown, Fulton County, where he was born in 1814. Up to the time of the breaking out of the Civil War



he was a prominent druggist of Oneida, where he had lived since 1832. After that time he was engaged as a commercial traveller. He died at Savannah, Ga., November 6, 1882, leaving a widow and four children.

Dr. Stewart, owing to his father's circumstances, was obliged to leave school at the age of fourteen, when he commenced to learn the printing business at Oneida, at the same time studying at home in the evening. At the age of twenty he left the printing business, having thoroughly learned his trade in all its branches, and began the study of medicine with Dr. H. W. Carpenter, of Oneida, one of the most prominent physicians of Madison County. He took his medical lectures at the University of Michigan, and at the medical department of the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1877. He spent two years in practice at his old home, and in 1879 came to Port Byron, where he has built up one of the most extensive and lucrative practices in the county outside of the city of Auburn.

Dr. Stewart is a member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, of which he was the President in 1885, and also of the Central New York Medical Association. He is also a member of Lodge No. 130, A. F. & A. M., of which he was Master for three years, and of the Morris Chapter, R. A. M., No. 156. He was elected Coroner of the county in 1889, on the Republican ticket, receiving the honor of a re-election in 1892. In this position he has given universal satisfaction, and was again nominated for the same office in the

fall of 1894. He had charge of the inquiry on the Montezuma wreck on the West Shore Railroad, August 6, 1892, when sixteen persons lost their lives. Dr. Stewart is an active Republican, but his medical duties do not permit him to be an aspirant for office.

Dr. Stewart was married on July 11, 1882, to Miss Emma A. Johnson, daughter of John J. Johnson, of Port Byron, and has two children — Alvin J. and Jennie. The family are members of the Episcopal church, of which the Doctor is one of the Wardens. Dr. Stewart is a strong, earnest, and well-read man, and thoroughly fitted for his position, which he fills with dignity and tact.

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**J** MORRIS BEVIER, a retired farmer, residing near the village of Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born at Mount Morris, Livingston County, N.Y., December 8, 1833. His father, Abraham Bevier, was born in 1800 in the town of Owasco, his grandfather Daniel being a native of Ulster County, N.Y. The family were French Huguenots, and came to this country on account of religious persecution, having, it is believed, previously spent some time in Holland. They settled in the latter part of the seventeenth century in Ulster County, New York. New Paltz was settled by a colony of such exiles about the year 1677; and from New Paltz, in 1708, Abraham and John Bevier went to the town of Wawarsing in the same county. Daniel Bevier came from Ulster to Cayuga County in 1795, settling in



Owasco, the journey being made with ox teams. He bought a tract of timber-land of about one hundred acres; and on this he built a log house and grist-mill, the first mill erected in these parts, which he conducted for several years, until the erection of another mill at Hardenburg Corners, now Auburn, when he discontinued milling, and turned his attention to farming. He spent his last years on the farm, dying in 1845 at the age of seventy-seven. He had ten children, three sons and seven daughters. The old block-house, which is situated about two miles north-west of Owasco, is still standing, and was occupied up to within a few years ago, when a murder was committed in it, since which time it has not been inhabited.

Abraham Bevier, son of Daniel, was brought up as a farmer, remaining at home until his twenty-fourth year, when he married and started out to make his way in the world with nothing but a pair of willing hands and a good wife. He moved to Livingston County, New York, in 1824, where he rented land, and part of the time worked at the trade of a hatter. After remaining there for eleven years, he returned to Owasco. He worked at different pursuits until 1840, when he travelled over the county selling papers, being widely known as the "Postman." In 1842 he bought a farm in the town of Niles, which he occupied until 1850, when he purchased another. Selling the latter in 1854, he moved to Onondaga County, where he sojourned but one year, and, then again coming to Owasco, bought the farm known as the

Hunsicker farm. This place he sold in 1861, and purchased the farm upon which his son now lives. At the time of his death, which took place in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years, he had accumulated considerable property. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Peterson, who was born in 1804, was a daughter of Garrett Peterson, of Fleming. They reared one son, John Morris Bevier, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Sarah P. Bevier dying in 1835, Mr. Abraham Bevier afterward married Mary Selover, the widow of John Dehart.

J. Morris Bevier was educated in the district schools and in a select school in the village of Owasco. Until the death of his father he was never separated from him. He succeeded to the ownership of the property; and, having since purchased an adjacent farm of thirty and one-half acres, he is now the proprietor of one hundred and twelve acres of fine land with two handsome sets of farm buildings. He was married on February 10, 1864, to Miss Catherine T. Case, who was born in Sempronius, a daughter of Robert and Adeline (Tuthill) Case, both natives of Orange County. Mrs. Bevier's paternal grandfather was David Case, a well-known and respected resident of that county.

In politics Mr. Bevier is a Republican, and has held the office of Supervisor for two years, 1879 and 1880. He was also a Commissioner from 1866 to 1870. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Lodge No. 290, of Owasco. Being the possessor of one of the finest farms in the county, made so



by the owner's thrift, energy, and sagacious management, he is now living retired from active labors. Mr. Bevier has filled public offices with credit and dignity, and is a man of high moral and intellectual worth.

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ALEXANDER J. CULVER, whose pleasant home and well-tilled acres are in the town of Ira, is classed among the intelligent and thoroughly wide-awake agriculturists of this county, who are contributing so much to its material prosperity. He is a native of the Empire State, having been born in Jackson, Washington County, March 19, 1833. He is the descendant and worthy representative of a sturdy New England family, his parents, Henry and Olive (Richey) Culver, having been born in Connecticut. Obadiah Culver, his grandfather, was also a native of that State, where he was reared as a tiller of the soil. After following his chosen occupation in the place of his birth for several years, he removed to Washington County in this State, being among its earliest settlers; and there, improving a homestead, he rounded out a full period of fourscore years.

Henry Culver, son of Obadiah, was born March 10, 1793, a little more than a hundred years ago, and was reared to man's estate in Connecticut, and there learned the trade of a currier. After his union with Olive Richey, whose birth occurred January 15, 1798, he moved to Washington County, where he was for many years extensively engaged in manu-

facturing boots and shoes, being an important factor of the mercantile interests of that part of the State of New York. In 1834 he migrated to Cayuga County, and purchased the farm in the town of Ira now owned and occupied by his son Alexander, and was thenceforward engaged in agriculture. Of the one hundred and fifty acres of land which he bought only fifteen were cleared; but with the assistance of his sons, who were industrious and trustworthy boys, he placed a large portion of it under the plough, and became one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of this vicinity. On the homestead thus established he and his good wife passed to the higher existence, he on January 9, 1862, about twelve years after her death, in 1840. They reared eight sons and one daughter, the four now living being: Andrew R., born in 1822, and William, born February 11, 1826, both residing in Lysander; Alexander J.; and a half-sister, Harriet Lockwood, living in Baldwinsville. The names of the deceased are Mabel, Henry, James L., Nathan C., Aaron V., and Daniel. In his political views Mr. Culver was a Whig, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church.

Alexander J. Culver, the youngest of the three surviving brothers, was scarcely twelve months old when his parents came to Cayuga County. Consequently, the major part of his life has been passed on the home farm, his record being a part of the history of the settlement and development of this portion of the county. He obtained a fair education in the district schools of the town, and in early



life turned his attention to farming, a calling which he has followed to the present time, adding to it the profession of a veterinary surgeon. In this he has been particularly successful, and has now a large practice, his knowledge of the diseases of horses and his wise and careful treatment gaining for him an extensive and lucrative patronage throughout this town and the surrounding country. As will be seen by a perusal of this sketch, Mr. Culver is one of the most active and enterprising business men and agriculturists of this locality; and he has accumulated a competence by his energetic labor, practical sagacity, and thrift. He has been twice married. In 1857 he was united to Miss Hettie J. Baird, a daughter of A. and S. A. Baird, residents of Cayuga County; and they became the parents of six children; namely, Olive, Matilda, Lottie, John, Corinda, and Lucretia. In the midst of her earthly labors, in 1871, Mrs. Hettie Culver was called to her home beyond. Four years later Mr. Culver wedded Melvina Jorolmon, who was born in the town of Moravia, a daughter of John and Abigail (Conklin) Jorolmon, both natives of Owasco. Her parents are now deceased, her father having died at the age of sixty-five years, on March 20, 1873; while Mrs. Jorolmon, who survived her husband a few months, lived until November 26, 1874, dying at the age of sixty-four years. They were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and politically Mr. Jorolmon was a stanch member of the Republican party. Of the ten children born of their marriage nine are now living.

The farm of Mr. Alexander J. Culver is one of the most pleasant and comfortable of any in the place, containing eighty-eight acres of fertile land, well kept and well equipped, on which he has a beautiful residence, the best of farm buildings, and the most modern machinery and implements for carrying on his business. His dairy consists of eight or ten choice head of cattle, of which he takes excellent care. He is a man of great capability, and is endowed with strength of character and independent opinions of his own, that give him influence in his community. Politically, he is a sound Republican, and has served his town for a year as Road Commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Culver are held in high esteem by their neighbors and friends for their many excellent qualities of mind and heart, and are admired for their generous hospitality and friendliness.

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**W**ILLIAM F. PIERCE, an honored and respected resident of the village of Cayuga, is a native of the Empire State, his birth having occurred in Putnam County, June 20, 1828. Among the sturdy pioneers of that county was his grandfather, Abizer Pierce, who was a New Englander by birth, and the descendant of an old Massachusetts family. When a young man, he emigrated from Cape Cod to Putnam County, bringing all of his household effects in an ox wagon; and his wife, who accompanied him, travelled the entire distance on horseback. In common with the other early settlers of the



county, he took an active part in its development, and during the many years that he lived there was enabled to note with pride the mighty changes wrought within its borders, the densely wooded wild giving place to magnificent farms and thriving villages and towns. He served during the War of 1812, and on one battlefield was accompanied by his son, who was then a youth of eleven years. He was subsequently a pensioner of that war. He died in Cayuga County, at the venerable age of ninety-two years. The maiden name of his wife, whose death occurred several years prior to his own, was Jane Hopkins.

Thomas J. Pierce, son of Abizer, was born during the residence of his parents in Putnam County, the date being March 15, 1801. He was reared to man's estate in his native town, where he attended the district school, and assisted his parents on the homestead. In 1839 he removed to Cayuga County, traveling by carriage to Poughkeepsie, thence taking the night boat to Albany; and from there to Schenectady he travelled on a balance-wheel cable-car, which was so contrived that, when the passengers were going down hill, the balance-car, filled with stones, was going up. Settling in the town of Sennett, he bought a farm, and engaged in general agriculture until his death, on March 13, 1846. On July 31, 1839, he married Phoebe Fowler, a daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Caldwell) Fowler. They reared two children — William F. and Hannah J., the latter being born August 2, 1830, and dying May 20, 1887.

William F. Pierce completed his education

in the public schools of Sennett, in the mean time assisting his father in the labors of the farm, remaining on the homestead until the time of his marriage. After taking that important step, Mr. Pierce, thinking the chances for improving his financial condition would be better in a Western State, bought a farm in Illinois, and, removing there, remained two years, when, not entirely pleased with the results of his labors, he disposed of that property, and returned to Cayuga County. The succeeding five years he acted as Keeper in the State prison at Auburn, and then resumed his agricultural occupations, buying a farm in Lima, where he was successfully engaged in general farming for five years. Selling that property in 1869, Mr. Pierce purchased a good farm in Cayuga, and for two years conducted its labors very profitably, being skilful and judicious in its management. He then moved into the village of Cayuga, where he has since resided, being numbered among the representative citizens of the place.

Mr. Pierce wooed, won, and wedded Catherine Bruner, of Yates County. Their household circle was enlarged by the birth of two children — Luella and Catherine, the former of whom married George Shoemaker, son of John and Castilla (Flynn) Shoemaker, of Aurelius, and has one child, a son, named George Pierce Shoemaker. Mr. Pierce is a man of influence and honor, his strict integrity in all business transactions, his intelligence, and public-spiritedness placing him in a high position among his fellow townsmen. Socially, he is a member of the Ma-



sonic Order. He has been prominently identified with the Republican party since its formation, and cast his first vote for President in 1852 for General Winfield Scott. Although taking great interest in local and national affairs, Mr. Pierce has never been an aspirant for political office, but served most satisfactorily as Postmaster of the village from 1889 to 1893.

**D**R. SUSAN G. OTIS, one of the prominent women physicians of Auburn, N.Y., was born at Sherwood, Cayuga County, a daughter of Samuel D. and Elizabeth (Gorham) Otis. Her father was a farmer and an old resident of the county, moving here from New Bedford, Mass., in 1833. He was of the seventh generation from the emigrant ancestors who came to New England in the seventeenth century, and were early settlers in the town of Scituate, Plymouth County, Mass. For several generations members of the family have been prominent in medicine. John Otis, from Glastonbury, England, settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1635. His son John, born in England in 1622, came to Hingham, and married Mary Jacob, and was the father of Stephen, James, and Job.

Stephen, born in 1661, married Hannah Ensing, and lived in Scituate. They had a son Isaac, born in 1699. In the historical sketch of Scituate, in the "History of Plymouth County, Massachusetts," it is recorded that "Dr. Isaac Otis [who is probably the Isaac named above] was the first regular

physician that settled in the town; and so highly did the town appreciate the advantages of having the services of such a skilled professional man that they voted a settlement of one hundred pounds to encourage him to remain in the town." That was in 1719. Dr. James Otis, son of Isaac, began practice in 1760. Dr. Cushing Otis, son of Dr. James, commenced in 1792, and in 1884 was said by the historian of Scituate to be well remembered by many people then living as a "famous doctor."

The descent of medical talent, which is often noted, has seldom been more marked than in the case of Dr. Susan G. Otis, as above shown. Her grandfather Job, who was the son of a doctor, was one of the early physicians of Cayuga County, but did not practice very much, being chiefly engaged in farming. He was a Quaker, as the family had been for many generations. Samuel D. Otis was married to Miss Gorham, of Nantucket, whose father was a whaler of the early times. Mrs. Otis was connected with the family of Benjamin Franklin's mother (Folger), and also with the Coffin family, who were early and prominent settlers at Nantucket. She reared a family of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Deborah; Stephen G.; Dr. Susan G.; Hannah, wife of Samuel J. Brown, of San José, Cal.; Elizabeth G., teacher in a select school; Lois Macy, a teacher in Philadelphia; and Mary Amy, also of Philadelphia, an artist and art teacher.

Susan G. Otis was educated at private schools. She was engaged for a time as a



teacher in public and select schools at Sherwood, and in 1880 matriculated at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where she took a four years' course, graduating in the class of 1884. During the last vacation, in 1883, she spent three months in the Staten Island Hospital, and two months at the New York Infant Asylum. After graduating, she went to the Staten Island Hospital (nursery and children's) as Assistant Physician, retaining that position for six months, when the Resident Physician resigned; and at a competitive examination she was appointed to the place, which position she held for two years. During this time she took a course at the New York Polyclinic.

In the spring of 1887 Dr. Otis, being called home by the death of both her parents, practised in Sherwood for one year. She came to Auburn in 1888, and occupied the old office of Dr. Armstrong on Grover Street. In 1889 she was established at her present place, No. 40 South Street. She has a large general practice, and conducts a fine private hospital, patients being sent to her by physicians from all parts of the State. Several very important cases of abdominal surgery by Dr. C. O. Baker have been cared for in this hospital, which has filled a great need, and has secured the confidence of the people and the profession at large. Dr. Otis is a member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, of which she is Secretary. She is an attendant of the Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Otis has had large and varied experience, which have given her skill and assurance; and this,

with her tact and agreeable manners, at once gains the confidence and esteem of her patients. The private hospital which she has so well equipped, and which she conducts so satisfactorily, is beautifully located on one of the finest streets in the city, overlooking Seward Park Statue and homestead. It is not only a successful private enterprise, but a public benefit as well.

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**W**ILLIAM THOMAS, M.D., is a retired eclectic physician in Spring Lake, where he actively practised his profession for forty years. John Thomas, the Doctor's grandfather, came from Germany in his youth, and married and died in Newburg, Orange County, N.Y. His son William was born in Newburg in 1781; and on June 12, 1819, thirty-eight years later, the subject of this sketch was born, in the same house, and received the same name.

The senior William attended a school in Newburg in his boyhood, and worked on the home farm. He lived in his native town several years after his marriage and the birth of his son William. In 1824 he went to Camillus, Onondaga County, N.Y., whence in 1833 he removed to Huron, Wayne County, N.Y., where he remained until 1844. Then, going to Wisconsin, he there remained until his death in 1856, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Jemima Terbush, of Newburg, was born August 20, 1785. Her parents came from Holland. William and Jemima Thomas had twelve children — Hester Ann, Philip,



Catherine, Hepsy, Jacob, John, Henry, William, Stephen, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Hannah. The mother died in 1860, aged seventy-five, after the removal West. The Terbush and Thomas families were Baptists; and young William Thomas's brother Jacob studied seven years in Hamilton, became a Baptist clergyman, and went as a missionary to the Burmese empire, where he met death by the sinking of a boat, within sight of the very station to which he was assigned.

The subject of this biography went through the usual routine of farm work and district schooling, and lived with his father till that gentleman went West in 1844. Meanwhile the young man had begun to teach school; and he continued in this occupation some years in Walcott, Huron, and other places, of course attending to agricultural matters in the summer. Besides this he studied medicine, and in 1846 began its practice in Butler, Wayne County, N.Y., where he lived two years. On June 22, 1848, he came to Spring Lake, Cayuga County, N.Y., and opened an office. At first he encountered some opposition, but gradually overcame all prejudice, and had about as large a practice as any physician in the county. In 1889, however, his health demanded retirement.

In 1844, at the age of twenty-five, when his father went West, the younger William married Harriet Nichols, daughter of Jefferson and Sarah Nichols, from the eastern part of the State. By this marriage Dr. Thomas has one child living, Sarah, who is her father's housekeeper, three children having died—

Charles, Ann Elizabeth, and Ida. The Doctor's wife died December 5, 1879, after thirty-five years of happy wedded life.

Dr. Thomas belongs to the Central New York Eclectic Medical Society. For many years he was a member of the Board of Health, for seventeen years an Overseer of the Poor, for eighteen years a Notary Public. Until after the election of James Buchanan to the Presidency he was a Democrat, but has since been a decided Republican. Since young manhood he has been connected with the Methodist church, wherein he has held various offices. All together, he is worthy of the esteem in which he is held, both personally and professionally.

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**A** DELBERT UNDERHILL represents the agricultural interests of the town of Ira as a shrewd, practical farmer of sound judgment and excellent business ability. He has a large and well-equipped farm, pleasantly located, which by good management he has rendered one of the most valuable estates in this part of Cayuga County. He was born three miles west of the city of Auburn, in what is known as Half Acre, on November 6, 1844.

His parents, Henry and Emeline (Dickerson) Underhill, were both born in Schoharie County, New York, where they resided for many years. The father was a man of superior mental attainments, and was for many years a successful and well-known physician. In later life he turned his attention to agri-



culture, and, coming to this county, settled in the town of Ledyard, where he and his wife spent their remaining years, he dying when seventy-two years old, and she at the age of sixty-three years. They were numbered among the respected residents of their neighborhood, their fine qualities of heart and mind endearing them to all. They were progressive people, and liberal in their religious views. In politics Dr. Underhill cast his vote with the Republican party. They had five children, all of whom are now living, the following being their record: Joshua, a machinist, resides in Auburn. Ezra is a farmer in the town of Scipio. Adelbert lives in Ira. Adell, the twin sister of Adelbert, married Calvin Phelps, of Ontario County. Esther is the wife of J. B. Dickinson, of King's Ferry in the town of Genoa.

Adelbert, the third child and youngest son, grew to manhood in this his native county, being educated in the district schools of Ledyard. Throughout the years of his youth and early manhood he assisted on the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, which auspicious event took place on the 24th of December, 1869, when Ella Phelps, a native of Ira, became his bride. Mrs. Underhill is the daughter of the late Chauncey and Mary Phelps, the former of whom was born in Ira, and the latter in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Phelps was the son of a distinguished pioneer family of this town, and probably did as much as any other individual to develop its agricultural interests, and advance its growth

and welfare, being a prominent and important member of the community. He was noted for his stability of character and good business habits, and was held in high regard as a representative citizen of the place, his death, which occurred September 18, 1888, being deemed a public loss; and his memory will be cherished for many years to come. His estimable wife, who was born June 9, 1811, survives him, living on the old farm, and is passing down the sunset slope of life, and tenderly cared for by her loving children. Of the five children born of their union only two are now living, namely: Mrs. Ruth Ann Blessing, who resides on the old Phelps homestead in Ira; and Mrs. Adelbert Underhill.

Very soon after his marriage Mr. Underhill purchased the place where he now resides, taking possession of it in the spring of 1870; and here he and his young wife began house-keeping. His farm contains one hundred and fifty-seven acres of excellent land, all carefully cultivated. He keeps from fifteen to eighteen cows, and raises abundant crops of the cereals and other staple productions. Since becoming one of the citizens of Ira, Mr. Underhill has been no unimportant factor in making this one of the richest farming communities in the Empire State. He is a systematic, practical agriculturist, a keen, wide-awake man of business, and is one of the most substantial and trustworthy citizens of his adopted town, his conduct in all relations of life being such as to win and retain the esteem and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. and Mrs. Under-



hill have no children, but their hospitable home is ever open to their many friends and acquaintances. They are liberal in their religious views, and ever tolerant of the beliefs of all other Christians. In him the Republican party has one of its staunchest adherents; and, socially, he belongs to the Farmers' Grange of Ira, No. 592.

**H**ENRY D. CHAMBERLAIN, a well-known retired farmer residing in the north of Niles, was born in the town of De Ruyter, Madison County, N.Y., August 20, 1829. His father, David Chamberlain, was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1803. His grandfather, Ninian, was also a native of the same place, where he was born October 1, 1751. During the Revolutionary War Ninian Chamberlain was engaged with the Continental Army as Master of Transportation, and had the gratification of meeting and knowing General Washington. Upon the conclusion of the war he resumed his occupation of farming; and in 1807 he left Pennsylvania with his family, coming overland with teams, and settled in the town of Niles, Cayuga County, on what is known as lot 8, where he bought three hundred and twenty-five acres of land of Lucas Elmendorf, of Albany, for five dollars and fifty cents per acre. Together with his sons, he cleared the land, living in the meantime in a rude log house. The title to the land proving defective, he bought a portion of it again, having thus to pay twice over for the same property. Mr. Chamberlain was a

member and supporter of the Reformed Church of Owasco Village, and in politics was a Whig. On July 5, 1784, he married Miss Elizabeth Ewing, to whom were born seven sons and six daughters, as follows: Margery, May 28, 1786; Samuel, March 16, 1789; Jeremiah, August 24, 1790; John, September 1, 1792; Rachel, October 25, 1794; James, January 10, 1797; Robert, March 11, 1799; Betsy, June 23, 1801; Sallie, June 23, 1801; David, May 16, 1803; Polly, October 30, 1805; Hamilton, April 22, 1808; Margaret, November 22, 1810. Mr. Ninian Chamberlain died December 20, 1833, aged eighty-two years; his wife, surviving him nearly twenty-two years, died March 10, 1855, aged eighty-seven years.

David Chamberlain, the sixth son of Ninian, was reared to agricultural pursuits, but left home at the age of eighteen to learn the wagon-making trade at Skaneateles, afterward moving to De Ruyter, where for a few years he was in business for himself, going thence to Scipio to live with his sister. In 1865 he came to Niles, making his home with his son, Henry D., where he died June 12, 1893. He married Miss Eliza Smith, a daughter of Jacob Smith, of Nelson, Madison County; and she became the mother of one child, a son, who is the subject of the present sketch.

Henry D. Chamberlain was educated at the district school, Aurora Academy, and the Scipio Select School. After the death of his mother, which took place when he was four years of age, he made his home with his



grandmother, remaining there until his twenty-sixth year, when he married, and bought a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres. His wife was Miss Abigail A. Post, a daughter of Christopher and Martha Post, of Fleming. She died June 7, 1868, aged forty, leaving two sons, namely: George S., engaged in the seed business in Auburn, married to Miss Carrie Bulkley of that city; and Day K., a farmer of Scipio, who is married to Miss Rebecca Odell, of Niles, and has four children, namely: Harry, Pauline, Odell, and Howard. Mr. Chamberlain married for his second wife Miss Prudence Austin, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Tyler) Austin, the former a native of New York State, and the latter of Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are members of the Presbyterian church of the village of Owasco. In politics he has always been closely identified with the Republican party. Mr. Chamberlain has devoted his whole life to his agricultural interests, in which he has achieved a success that has enabled him now to retire from active pursuits. He is a highly respected member of the community in which he resides; and, although his talents are such that he could have filled public office with credit and dignity, he has always preferred to leave the management of national and town affairs to others.

**A**DELBERT S. CHAMBERLAIN, an enterprising farmer and a member of a well-known and highly respected family, was born in the town of Owasco, Ca-

yuga County, N.Y., November 3, 1853. His father, Jeremiah N. Chamberlain, was born in what is now the town of Niles, February 9, 1822, and was a son of John, who was born in 1792, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. James, the founder of the family in this country, who is supposed to have been born in Scotland, came to America about two and a half centuries ago, settling in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In early times the family had undergone much persecution at the hands of the upholders of the Established Church in Scotland; and together with other Covenanters they fled to the north of Ireland, where they remained for some time, but left that country on account of the high rents, and, coming to America, settled in Hunterstown, Pa. Ninian Chamberlain came to Cayuga County, New York, in 1807, and bought a tract of land, consisting of about three hundred and twenty-five acres, in what is now Niles, for five dollars and fifty cents per acre. After paying for it and clearing a large portion, a flaw was discovered in the title; and he was compelled to pay for the land over again. During the Revolutionary War he was engaged as a Master of Transportation, being personally acquainted with General Washington. He was married to Elizabeth Ewing, who was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, in 1768. Mr. Chamberlain died December 20, 1833, his wife surviving him twenty-two years, dying at the advanced age of eighty-seven, March 10, 1855. John, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, remained on the homestead until his marriage,



when he settled on fifty acres of land on lot No. 8, afterward buying sixty-two acres on lot No. 9, and, as his means afforded, adding to his property until he had acquired one hundred and twenty-three acres. In 1868 he retired from the farm, and passed his declining years in the village of Owasco, where he died September 3, 1874. He was married to Miss Mary A. North, who was born in Tompkins County, New York, January 7, 1817, and reared the following children: Eliza, Thomas N., Jeremiah N., Magdalena, Naomi, Ann, and Marjorie J. Jeremiah, the father of the subject of this biographical sketch, was brought up on the farm, where he remained until his twenty-third year. He then went to Scipio, where he worked for twelve dollars per month seven months in the year for a period of three years. He then returned to Owasco, and together with his brother bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres, which they worked for three years. Mr. Chamberlain afterward bought his brother out, and has followed the pursuit of farming up to the present day. He was married on November 15, 1849, to Miss Sally Swartwout, daughter of Simeon and Alcy Swartwout. They reared two children, Mary Ann and Adelbert S., both of whom are unmarried and remain at home with their parents, Adelbert looking after the property. Mr. Jeremiah Chamberlain was Commissioner for one year and Assessor for a period of eighteen years. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Owasco, and in politics are staunch Republicans. The Chamberlains

can date their ancestry back in unbroken succession for the lengthy period of two hundred and fifty years; and the fearlessness and noble traits characteristic of their progenitors have descended to the present generation, whose enterprising and progressive spirit is apparent in the excellent farm which they now possess, liberally supplied with modern improvements.

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**G**EORGE C. TURNER is a progressive farmer, and one of the oldest residents of Fair Haven, in the town of Sterling, where he was born August 28, 1817, and where he has ever since resided. His grandfather, John Turner, also a farmer, came from Long Island about the year 1810, and settled in Sterling, where he was one of the pioneers, and one of the earliest settlers and cabin-builders on a tract of land which he purchased, reclaimed, and occupied until his death. With him came his two sons, Isaac and Seth, and four daughters. Isaac, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on Long Island, and was about twenty-one when they came to Sterling, where he helped his father clear their new farm. They endured hardships that the present generation can hardly dream of — as, for instance, going to Port Byron, a distance of twenty miles, on horseback, following the bridle-paths, or to Oswego, fifteen miles, in a row-boat, to have corn and wheat ground, there being no mills nearer.

At the death of his parents he inherited a portion of the farm, and later bought another



west of Fair Haven. For twenty years he was Supervisor. His first terms he was obliged to go to Auburn, the county seat, thirty miles distant, on foot. Later he went on horseback, as there were no wagon roads. He was also for many years Justice of the Peace, Assessor, Constable, and Tax-collector. He found his wife, Elizabeth Cooper, in Sterling; but she was born in Washington County. They were married in 1813, and had five sons: John, George, Isaac, Seth, and William, and two daughters, Sarah and Nancy. After marriage his children continued to live near, his tract of land being divided among them, the sons choosing wives from the neighboring families; and for many years they lived so near the old home that all could be summoned in a few moments, and almost by the sound of the dinner horn. They celebrated their golden wedding, surrounded by their seven children and thirty grandchildren, there never having been a death in their family and never a separation of more than a few months. Sarah, wife of William D. Cooper, died in 1874, Nancy in 1875, William in 1884, John in 1889, Isaac in 1894, leaving their homes occupied by their children. George and Seth are still living, Seth in Illinois. Isaac Turner, Sr., died in 1879, at the age of eighty-six, his wife in 1874.

George C. lived at home until he was of age, in 1838, when his inquiring spirit prompted a sightseeing Western trip, not accomplished without difficulty at that early period, when railroads were almost unknown.

The journey occupied two weeks, being by stage to Clyde, canal to Buffalo, and through the Great Lakes to Chicago. He then took a trip through the State of Illinois by stage, there not being a railroad or canal in the whole State at this time. After a year there he returned, the trip home taking twenty-four days. He went by the Illinois River to the Mississippi, down that to the Ohio, then across the State of Ohio by canal to Cleveland, through Lake Erie to Buffalo, from Buffalo to Rochester via Niagara Falls by rail, that being the only railroad travel in the whole trip, and then by stage back to Sterling. He declined the chance to buy part of the site of the present city of Chicago, then a village of four hundred inhabitants, at one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, thinking such a swamp of no value. He settled on part of the parental acres, began clearing the forest, and built a log cabin, which he occupied for three or four years, after which he built a large frame house. In 1882 he gave up farming, and built his present home on a hill overlooking the lake, bay, and village, where he oversees the working of his two farms.

On October 27, 1841, he married Sarah McCrea, youngest daughter of Alexander and Jane (McFarland) McCrea, who came in 1812 from Delaware County to Cayuga, where they lived until their death, within two days of each other, so that to them might be applied the text, "In death they were not divided." Mr. McCrea lived to be sixty-five, his wife sixty-six. They were life-long members of



the old Covenanter, or Reformed Presbyterian, church. Besides Sarah, their children were John, Martha, Eliza, Thomas, and Alexander. Mrs. Turner is now the only survivor of her father's family.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Turner have five sons and three daughters. Albert, the eldest, engaged in the publishing business in New York, married Sarah C. Barton. They have three children — Albertha N., Harold W. F., and Grace B. Alexander is also in New York in business. He married Martha Hall, of Wayne County. Allison is in the clothing business in San Francisco. He married Nellie Mann, and they have two children — Harold and a little daughter. G. Nelson lives in Rialto, Cal., and has an orange grove and fruit ranch. He married there, and has one daughter, Marcia L. Frank I., connected with the Manhattan Gas Company, of New York, married Madeleine Ziegler. The three daughters are: Mary E.; Martha J.; and Emma E., who is the wife of Dr. J. H. Seymour, of Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. and Mrs. Seymour have two children — Marguerite and J. Howard Seymour.

In politics Mr. Turner is a Republican; and his sons all follow in his footsteps, as he followed in his father's Whig footsteps. He is an honored member of the Presbyterian church, of which all his family are members. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have seen many and very great changes in the town, but have been spared any great trials or afflictions, as they, like his father, celebrated their golden wedding without a death in their family, a cir-

cumstance that can seldom be found in the case of a father and son. He is now in his seventy-eighth year, vigorous physically and mentally, with his wife and eight children and all the grandchildren living.

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**J**OHAN MEYER. In the building up of the great commonwealths of our nation, Germany has sent us many of her sons, who, by their intelligence, sturdy industry, and frugality, have given able assistance, contributing their full quota toward its development and progress, and ever proving themselves useful and law-abiding citizens. Of this number we take pleasure in mentioning the subject of this personal history, who is a mechanic of ability, residing in the city of Auburn. He is yet in the prime of a vigorous manhood, having been born November 25, 1853, near the banks of the beautiful river Rhine, in the town of Saarbrucken, province of Rhine, Germany, a son of Frank Meyer, Jr., and a grandson of Frank Meyer, Sr., who was a life-long resident of Germany, where he held a conspicuous position among the worthy citizens of his native province.

The father of our subject, who spent the earlier years of his life in the Fatherland, was a well-educated and well-bred man, who, on reaching the required age, became a soldier in the regular army, and, being fine looking and of superb physique, was appointed a member of the King's Guard, in which he served as a Sergeant. He was subsequently engaged



as a freight handler for a transportation company between France and Germany, where he worked faithfully, and acquired some property. One of his brothers, a man of affluence, dying in Rome, N.Y., he was called to this country to settle his estate. Accompanied by his eldest daughter, Sophia, he took passage on a sailing-vessel; but the weather was rough, and he was sick all the time, and after fifty days succumbed, dying six days before reaching port, his body being buried beneath the waves. His daughter, who was a young lady of superior ability, completed his errand, and remained in this country. The maiden name of his wife was Sophia Presser. She was a daughter of Christian Presser, also of Germany. The maiden name of the wife of Christian Presser was Reinsager. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer reared a family of ten children, of whom the following are living: Frank C., Louise, Caroline, and John. Frank C., who came to this country in 1867, married Elizabeth Will, of Auburn; and they have nine children. Louise, who was the last member of her family to leave the Fatherland, married Anthony Jourdan, of Germany; and they have eight children. Caroline, who married Peter Lamperdorfer, a native of Baden, Germany, has four children. John is the subject of this notice.

John Meyer, it is needless to say, received a substantial education; for in no country of the civilized world are more compulsory measures used for enforcing the attendance of children at the public schools, and nowhere are the results more satisfactory. At the age of

fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a locksmith. In October, 1869, he came with his mother to America, sailing from Hamburg on the steamship "Westphalia" of the Hamburg line, arriving in New York City the thirteenth day of November. Coming at once to Auburn to join his brother, he secured employment with D. M. Osborne & Co., for whom he worked about seven months, and the following two years was an employee of Hamlin, Kirby & Co. Going thence to New York City, he worked for a time at the Thirteenth Street Iron Works, but, not being satisfied with his situation, returned to Auburn, again entering the employment of D. M. Osborne & Co., his work being to temper sections for the machinery. Subsequently Mr. Meyer opened a restaurant on State Street, Auburn, carrying on a very good business for two years. At the expiration of that time, forming a copartnership with Frank A. Weddigen, he opened a shop for the manufacture of nuts, washers, springs, and machine keys, and has since carried on a flourishing business, enlarging and extending it from year to year.

In 1878 Mr. Meyer was united in marriage, Mary Redmond, one of the most estimable and affable of the young ladies of Auburn, becoming his wife, and the sharer of his household comforts and pleasures. But the hand of death crossed the threshold of their happy home, bearing away his beloved companion, she passing on to the joys of the future world in 1892, leaving no children. Mr. Meyer is a man of excellent business



qualities, and possesses the characteristics of the native-born Germans, not the least of these being his honesty and his love of truth and justice. He became a naturalized citizen in 1874, and since that time has been actively identified with the Republican party, casting his first vote in 1876 for Rutherford B. Hayes. In 1876, 1877, and 1878 he was Inspector of Elections, and has since served in an official capacity, having been elected Supervisor in his ward, which was very complimentary to him, the ward being strongly Democratic. He has also been a member of Hose Company No. 6 for many years.

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**J**USTUS B. CHAPPELL, one of the oldest and most respected merchants of Fair Haven, was born at Onondaga Hollow, Onondaga County, N.Y., September 9, 1829, and is the son of Norman and Mary M. (McCauley) Chappell. His grandfather, who came from the East to Onondaga County, died about sixty-three years ago. Norman Chappell was born in Onondaga County, and lived all his life on the bank of Otisco Lake.

Justus B. Chappell received his education in the common schools and at the Oswego Academy, where he remained for six years, such advantages being a rarity for a farmer's son in those days. Leaving school, he was employed as a clerk for four years in Oswego, afterward going to Sterling in 1852, where he opened a country store for himself, the village of Fair Haven not being known by this name at that period. Mr. Chappell upon his

entrance into business life was endowed with the small capital of seventy-five dollars, but had plenty of pluck and energy to back it; and, his credit being good, it was only a little time before he paid every dollar he owed, and found himself the possessor of a large country store. In 1881 Mr. Chappell came to Fair Haven, where he bought half of the finest brick block in the place, containing three stores, Mr. Chappell occupying two, carrying a large general stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and, in fact, everything necessary to a first-class country store, his stock now being valued at over six thousand dollars. He is always prompt in the payment of his bills, and has perhaps the best credit of any business man in the county. He built and owns a beautiful home. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never been an aspirant for public office, or taken any prominent part in politics.

Mr. Chappell was married on April 1, 1852, to Miss Sarah Duguid, a native of this town, and a daughter of Alexander Duguid, one of the most prominent farmers in the county. Mrs. Chappell is the sister-in-law of Senator Hunter. The latter now lives at the old home of Mr. Chappell at Sterling. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell have been blessed with four children, namely: Alice; George, who is engaged in the store with his father; William, also associated with his father; and a younger daughter, Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell with their family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Chappell is superintendent.



Mr. Chappell during his long business career has gained a name for probity and honorable methods of dealing second to none in the county, his largeness of heart and openhandedness endearing him to all.

**J**OHN KEVAND, senior member of the firm of Kevand Brothers, and Supervisor of the town of Brutus, a resident of Weedsport since 1866, was born at Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, N.Y., on January 19, 1841, the son of Alexander and Mary (Hiller) Kevand. Alexander Kevand was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to New York when twenty-two years of age, afterward going to Schoharie County, where he worked at cabinet-making, having served an apprenticeship to the trade. He was subsequently engaged as a carpenter and contractor at Sharon Springs, where he made his home until his death, which took place on March 17, 1869. Mrs. Mary Hiller Kevand was born in the town of Sharon, and was the daughter of David Hiller, an old pioneer and at one time a soldier, his grandfather having fought in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Kevand died in Weedsport, December 23, 1891. She was the mother of a family of nine children, five of whom are living, namely: Sarah, wife of Martin Van Buren, of Weedsport; John; William and David, residents of Weedsport; and Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kevand were attendants and supporters of the Presbyterian church.

John Kevand received his early education

in Sharon Springs, and, upon the conclusion of his school life, was engaged as clerk for one year, previous to his enlistment in the fall of 1863 in Company K, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery. He joined the Army of the Potomac, going first to North Ann River, Cold Harbor, and Spottsylvania. He was at the siege of Petersburg, the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, Sailor Creek, and Appomattox. He was fortunate in not being wounded or captured, and was not absent from the regiment a single day. He was Orderly Sergeant when mustered out of service in Washington, D.C., on October 15, 1865, having remained with his regiment several months after the close of the war. He took part in the second Grand Army review, and was offered the commission of Lieutenant, which he did not care to accept. After being mustered out, he returned to Sharon, where he taught school for one year. He came to Weedsport in October, 1866, and engaged with the Henderson-Mack Company as book-keeper, remaining with them until 1872, when he went into partnership with J. C. Bryant as general merchants, the partnership lasting until the death of Mr. Bryant in 1884, after which he took his brother David into partnership, forming the firm of Kevand Brothers. They have a large and increasing business, carrying a fine general stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and miscellaneous articles. Mr. Kevand has been School Trustee, also Trustee of the village of Weedsport. He was elected Supervisor of the town of Brutus in 1891, and received the



honor of re-election in 1892, 1893, and 1894, the last term being for two years. He has also served on the Committee of Equalization for many years.

On November 18, 1875, Mr. Kevand was married to Miss Ella A. Henderson, daughter of Julius Henderson, an old resident of the village, and has two children — Julius H. and Janet. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Kevand is the Treasurer. He is also a member of J. E. Whiteside Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 166. Mr. Kevand is prompt and exact in all his business undertakings, being known as one of the most honest and trustworthy citizens of Weedsport.

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**D**R. GEORGE B. WRIGHT, a prominent dentist of Auburn, was born at Lee, Berkshire County, Mass., May 11, 1826, the son of Samuel and Olive (Benton) Wright. The father was a farmer and merchant, being engaged in business at Stockbridge, and later at Lee, Lenox, and Pittsfield. This branch of the Wright family early settled in Bristol, Conn., and can trace their ancestry back to the historic "Mayflower," probably through intermarriage with daughters of the Pilgrim Fathers. The first of this name in New England, according to the Colonial records, was William Wright, who, with his wife Priscilla, arrived at Plymouth in the "Fortune" on November 9, 1621. Richard, "perhaps a son of William," married Hester Cook, daughter of Francis Cook, and

died in 1691, aged eighty-three. His home was in Plympton, Mass. Samuel Wright, of Berkshire County, was married on September 11, 1823, to Olive Benton, a daughter of Ichabod Benton; and of the children born to them the following are still living: Samuel A.; George B.; Julia Catherine, wife of William Manning; Algernon Sidney; John Henry; Charles S.; Georgiiette, wife of William Harmon; and Theodore. Mr. Samuel Wright was born at Lenox on August 8, 1799, and died September 11, 1874. Mrs. Olive B. Wright was born November 22, 1804, and died May 13, 1857.

The subject of this sketch received his first education at the Lee Academy, and pursued his studies later under John Hotchkins at Lenox, one of the most celebrated teachers of the day in preparing young men for college. He was one of those judicious and truly helpful instructors who teach pupils how to think for themselves and to use their faculties. Mr. Wright, after completing his education, taught school for nine years during the winter months, three years of which were in the old grammar school at Pittsfield. He was also teacher and assistant superintendent at the House of Refuge for three years, having charge of the disciplining of the two hundred boys and girls who were sentenced to that place. Mr. Wright also found time to attend to his father's farm of some three hundred acres, and was perfectly conversant with all branches of agriculture. When a boy of fifteen, he learned the trade of turning in wood; and, unknown to his parents, he hired himself



out to a man in his spare time for nominal wages, eventually becoming so proficient that he could have got eighteen dollars per month for his work, while farm wages were only eight dollars. Mr. Wright came to Auburn in 1852, and engaged in the hardware and tin business as partner with his brother, who was a practical workman. He continued in that business for three years, after which he went into the office of Dr. S. N. Smith to learn dentistry, remaining with him two years, when he bought a part interest in the business, and after one year more bought his partner out and took the business himself, and has continued actively in the same ever since. Dr. Wright is the oldest dentist in point of practice in Auburn, there having been but five dentists in the city when he began business. He has had a most successful and lucrative practice for thirty-six years, recently associating his son, George B. Wright, Jr., with him in his office. Dr. Wright has never taken any active part in politics, and is a member of only one secret organization, Auburn Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Dr. Wright has been married twice, first to Miss Lydia J. Thatcher, by whom he had four children, namely: George B., Jr.; Frank S., who is an attorney of this city; Charles Fred, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Lucy Grace, wife of Le Grand B. Randall, of Brooklyn, N.Y. His second wife was Miss R. Grace Thatcher; and they have one son, Thatcher B., who is now learning the trade of a machinist in this city. Dr. Wright has performed many parts during his busy and eventful life; and in

every part he has been successful, whether as a teacher, farmer, wood-carver, or dentist. He has never been prominent in public affairs, being chary of publicity; but his many good qualities during his long residence in Auburn have been duly noted, gaining for him hosts of friends, to whom the prosperity and advancement of himself and family have always been matters of deep interest.

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**P**IRAM W. BABCOCK, a well-known and highly esteemed wholesale meat dealer of the city of Auburn, N.Y., was born on October 13, 1847, and came to this county from Tully, Onondaga County, when he was seven years of age. His parents were George S. and Jerusha B. (Welsh) Babcock. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and, having completed his studies, entered upon the business of life as a drover and shipper of cattle. He was eminently successful in this line of business, and continued in it until 1889, when he established a wholesale commission house for the sale of meat, and in addition to that engaged in farming in the town of Fleming. He continued in the commission business until 1892, when he retired to his farm. In 1893 he was appointed receiver for the Birdsall Company in the settlement of their business, which involved claims upon the estate to the large amount of one million, fifty-four thousand dollars; and to this very responsible undertaking Mr. Babcock now devotes his whole time.

Mr. Babcock has been Supervisor of his



town, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He has also been a member of some of the most important committees. He was nominated for Sheriff of the County, which has a Republican majority of three thousand five hundred, and was defeated by only four hundred and thirty-seven votes. At the present time he is Chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

Mr. Babcock married Miss Ella L. Thorpe; and they have three children—George R., Millie C., and Hiram W. The family are attendants and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Babcock is one of the most popular men in the city of Auburn. That he is a man of the highest business ability, and with the highest reputation for integrity, is sufficiently indicated by the responsible position he fills as Receiver for the Birdsall Company.

**M**R. B. VAN BUSKIRK, M.D., one of the leading physicians of Cayuga County, is a man of superior attainments and culture, whose wide experience and rare success in the practice of his profession have given him a prominent position in the medical fraternity, and secured for him an extensive and lucrative patronage. He is a native of the Keystone State, born in Stroudsburgh, Monroe County, the date being September 18, 1840. His paternal ancestors originated in the kingdom of Holland, which has given to the United States some of its most thrifty and frugal people. There his paternal great-grandfather was born; and

there he lived until after marriage, when he and his wife crossed the Atlantic in search of the fortune that was scarcely obtainable in their own land. On arriving in this country, they went directly to Pennsylvania, and in Monroe County took up a tract of land, and were soon busily engaged in improving a homestead. After a few years he erected a substantial house, in which he and his wife lived until called to their heavenly home. This dwelling is still standing, and in a fair state of preservation.

William L. Van Buskirk, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hamilton, Monroe County, and there reared to habits of industry and frugality. On the paternal homestead he labored with diligence, and, when he had accumulated some money, invested it in land. Being a skilful farmer, with a keen eye to business, he bought other land from time to time, until he was the possessor of an extensive farm, containing three hundred and fifty acres of good land, finely located near Stroudsburgh, the county seat. There he and his wife, formerly Sarah Levers, of Philadelphia, died; and their remains were laid to rest in the old churchyard. They reared a family of six children; namely, George, Joseph, James H., Maria, Charlotte, and Susan.

James H. Van Buskirk, father of the subject of this notice, was reared and educated in Stroudsburgh, the place of his nativity, and, after leaving the district school, completed his studies at the seminary there. Like other farmers' sons he assisted in the work of the farm, thus when quite young obtaining a prac-



tical knowledge of the science of agriculture, and, finding it a congenial occupation, chose it as a means of earning a livelihood. Soon after his marriage he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he placed under excellent cultivation, making many substantial improvements, among others being the erection of a large brick house, a commodious barn, and a wagon-shed. On this homestead, which was within sight of the home of his childhood, he and his wife passed their lives, honored and respected by all. He married Edna Brown, the daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Johnson) Brown; and of their union three children were born—M. B., Susan, and William.

M. B. Van Buskirk received a substantial foundation for his future education in the academy at Stroudsburgh, and afterward attended Glenwood Academy, going thence to a preparatory school in the same town, and being under the tuition of Professor Allsop, a Quaker of more than local repute. Deciding on a professional career, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, taking the literary and medical course, and was graduated from there in 1866, with an honorable record as a faithful student. Prior to this time occurred the outbreak of the Rebellion; and Dr. Van Buskirk, inspired by patriotic motives, enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, and, after serving faithfully for one year, was detailed and sent to Hilton Head, S.C., where he remained one year, caring for the sick and wounded, alleviating their sufferings, and rendering them all

possible aid. He subsequently practised for a time in a Pennsylvania hospital, and, after receiving his diploma, came to Cayuga County. Opening his office in Genoa on June 1, 1866, he at once entered upon the duties and responsibilities of his chosen calling, soon winning the esteem and confidence of the people of that vicinity, who learned to respect him for his natural talents and the fidelity with which he attended those requiring the exercise of his professional judgment and skill. During the twenty-six years that Dr. Van Buskirk remained in Genoa he was closely identified with its every interest. He served as Trustee of the academy for three years, was Supervisor in 1883 and 1884, President of the village two years, and in 1885 and 1886 represented his constituents most acceptably in the Assembly. On coming to Ledyard, the Doctor purchased a beautiful residence on the shores of Cayuga Lake. The house is built of stone, the exterior being ornamented with Lake Ontario cobble-stone, which is a beautiful stone, of uniform size, smoothly finished, the color being a fine brown. It is most artistically laid, producing a very pleasing effect. The grounds have a natural descent to the lake, with nearly half a mile frontage on the same; and, the house being on an elevation, a magnificent view for many miles is obtained of the lake and the surrounding country, making it one of the most pleasant and desirable homes in the State. Here he and his amiable wife ever welcome their many friends, and entertain them with a gracious hospitality.



On the 14th of November, 1866, Dr. Van Buskirk and Miss Sarah DeShong were united at the marriage altar. The bride was a daughter of Valencourt and Maria DeShong, residents of Ledyard. To complete the happiness of their union two children were born; but God in his wisdom called one, the pet of the household, to the better land, Edwin D., a bright little boy, passing from earth at the tender age of five years.

“Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath,  
The Reaper came that day;  
'Twas an angel visited the green earth,  
And bore the flower away.”

The other child, Elizabeth, is an accomplished young lady, now pursuing her studies at Wells College.

In politics Dr. Van Buskirk has been an adherent of the Republican party since casting his first Presidential vote, which he did in 1864, voting then for Abraham Lincoln, and has since voted for every President, with the exception of Grover Cleveland. Socially, he is a member of Robinson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Genoa, of which he was Commander for four years. He is also a prominent member of the Cayuga County Medical Society and Vice-President of the Medical Protective Association of Cayuga County.

**J**OHN J. TANNER, the enterprising proprietor of the large box factory at Port Byron, was born at Beaver Dam, Schuyler County, N.Y., March 14, 1850, and

is the son of Lyman and Hulda (Byrum) Tanner. He received his early education at Beaver Dam, Breesport, and Millport, all in New York State, while at the latter town attending a graded school. He then learned the boat-building trade at Ulster, Pa., and Ithaca, N.Y., after which he learned the carpenter's trade, and engaged in contracting at Waverly, in this State, where he lived for some six years, and had in his employ a number of men. In 1879 he came to Port Byron, and engaged in the business of building canal bridges, ice-chests, and ice-boxes. In 1886 he bought the property and water-power where he is now located, afterward erecting a large factory. The main building is thirty-two by seventy-two, two stories high, with an addition eighteen by thirty and another addition eighteen by twenty-seven, the power-house and engine-room being eighteen by twenty-four, all except the engine-house being two stories high. He has also a good power from the Owasco Outlet, and an additional thirty-horse-power steam boiler and engine. In his business of manufacturing canal bridges, ice-boxes, and canal supplies he has three buildings of the following dimensions: twenty by forty-two feet, sixteen by twenty-four feet, and eighteen by forty-eight feet, his whole plant having a space of over ten thousand square feet. The factory is fitted up with all the latest machinery for a planing-mill and for box-making, which gives employment to ten men. Mr. Tanner has the finest plant in this part of the State, — nothing similar to it nearer than Syracuse



or Rochester. He does a very large local trade, and his factory is kept in fine order. A number of machines used in box-making are of his own invention. Mr. Tanner has held many of the local offices of the town and village. He has been a Trustee of the village, and is now in his tenth year on the Board of Education, in which he takes much interest. In politics he votes with the Republican party.

Mr. Tanner was married in January, 1872, to Miss S. Elthina Olmsted, of Ulster, Pa. They have two sons: Leslie L., a graduate of the class of 1894 of Port Byron Free School and Academy, and George E. Mrs. Tanner was born in Ulster, Pa., her father, Charles Olmsted, being an old resident of Smithfield. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner are members of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Tanner has been Trustee for many years, and in which he is one of the most active workers. He has been Treasurer and for some years superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is President of this branch of the Christian Endeavor Society, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, of which he was one of the charter members. He is a member of Rock Spring Lodge, No. 568, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a charter member and Past Grand, he being the second Past Grand of the Lodge. He is also a member of the fire department, being Vice-President, having held all the different offices, including that of President, being now an honorary member. Mr. Tanner is one of the most highly respected and esteemed men in Port

Byron. He has ever been active in all work pertaining to the best interests of the town. He has been indefatigable in all branches of church work, and all his life has been a thoroughly consistent man.

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**F**DDY F. SWART, Division Engineer of the Auburn Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, also of the Auburn and Ithaca Branch, was born at Middleport, Niagara County, N.Y., October 4, 1835, and is the son of Dirck and Margaret A. (Goodwin) Swart. The father is a native of Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N.Y., and is an old resident of Niagara County, where he has been engaged for many years in the mercantile business. His emigrant ancestors were Hollanders, and at various times the family has intermarried with some of the oldest Knickerbocker stock. Gerrit Swart was made Sheriff of Rensselaerwyck in 1652, and held the office till 1670. Theunis C. Swart was one of the first settlers of Schenectady.

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the common schools of Middleport, afterward graduating from the Albion High School of Orleans County. In 1852 he went into the office of the division engineer of the Erie Canal, studying with him for two years. He afterward worked on the canal in the engineering corps, being engaged in field work for about five years, having attained the position of leveller at the time of his father's death in 1858. He then remained at home



for a time, and in the fall of 1861 went to Chicago, where he was engaged as clerk in a commission house on Dearborn Street. While there, he was employed as a salesman, also in travelling and buying produce for the firm. He remained in Chicago until 1864, when he left for the oil regions in Pennsylvania, being engaged with the engineering corps of the Oil Creek Railroad. He helped to lay that road, remaining with them until the line reached from Corry to Oil City. He was also engaged on the extension from Corry to Brocton, holding the position of Assistant Engineer, which gave him charge over the men in the field and also in the office. He stayed there until May, 1867, when he came to Auburn as Division Engineer of the Southern Central Railroad at the time they were making surveys of the road. He assisted in the location of this road, being engaged from Fair Haven on the north and Dryden on the south, and was overseer of the construction of the road from its first survey until the track was laid. He remained here until 1871, when he went to the Cayuga Lake Railroad, holding the position of Assistant Engineer for four months. He then went into the employ of the Utica, Ithaca & Elmira Railroad, now known as the E. C. & N., as Chief Engineer of that road, during the latter part of the construction period. He afterward went to Lake Superior, and was employed in the copper mines on Keweenaw Point, working for the Alleouez & Osceola Copper Mining Company, being engaged in the building of railroad track, laying out

shafts, and general engineering work of all kinds. He returned in 1874 to the Southern Central Railroad Company, and was Chief Engineer and Road Master until 1885, when the Lehigh Valley Company leased it; he also occupied the same position when the Reading got control of the road, having charge of the engineering department, also of all work on the road-bed, and looking after section men, having one hundred and sixty-five men under his direction. Mr. Swart had charge of the line from the State line to Fair Haven, from Auburn to Ithaca, and from Cayuga to Cayuga Junction.

Mr. Swart is a member of the Road Masters' Association of America. In politics he has generally voted with the Democratic party, but has never been an active politician. He was married on April 24, 1867, to Miss Sarah Bradish, of Fredonia, N.Y., and has three sons; namely, Walter G., Edward B., and Richard H. Walter G., of Victor, Col., married Clara C. Challar, of Homer, N.Y. Edward B. married Ella M. Smith, of Seattle, Wash. He is engaged in business in this city. They have one son, Arthur Houghton. Richard is a student at Cornell University, and will graduate in the class of 1895. Mr. Bradish was one of the oldest residents of that town, and is now a prominent portrait and landscape painter of Detroit. Mrs. Bradish was carefully and thoroughly educated in music, principally instrumental, for which she has a decided taste, and at the conclusion of the war was directress of the old, original Fisk Jubilee Singers, travelling ex-



tensively through Europe with them. She teaches both vocal and instrumental music, being especially noted as an accompanist, having at Silver Lake Assembly accompanied Dr. Root, and also played at Cortland for Professor Palmer.

The family are attendants and supporters of the Central Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Swart having led the music there for some time. Mr. Swart is a man of rare intelligence, having risen from the lowest rank of the engineering profession to his present high position, with no other aid than a pair of willing hands, and a clear and comprehensive brain, which at all times has successfully mastered the intricacies of his vocation.

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**J**EROME B. WEBSTER, a prosperous farmer of Cayuga County, living at his pleasant ancestral home in the town of Throop, is a worthy representative of those solid and substantial citizens who have made agriculture their vocation through life, and by their indomitable energy and persevering industry have succeeded in their calling. He is a native of this county, born in the town of Aurelius, December 28, 1835, being a son of the late Charles Webster. He is of New England antecedents, his grandfather, Nathan E. Webster, who was a pioneer of Broome County, and later one of the original settlers of Aurelius, Cayuga County, having been a native of New Hampshire. For further history of his grandparents see the sketch of Hiram Webster, a brother of Jerome, which

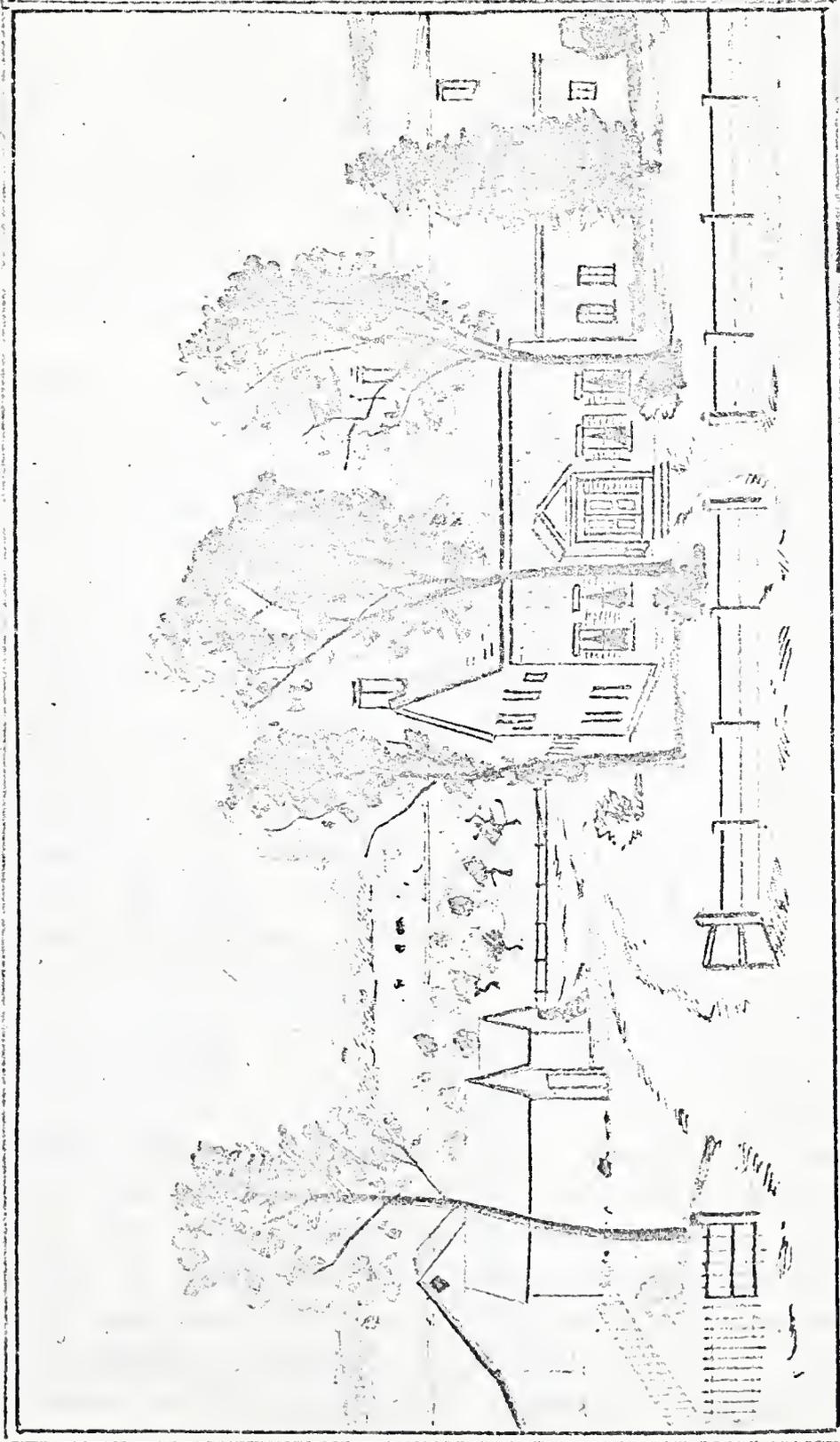
may be found on another page of this biographical work.

Charles J. Webster, son of Nathan E. and father of Hiram and Jerome, was born in Aurelius, Cayuga County, March 23, 1789. He was an intelligent, capable youth, and imbibed a good knowledge of the studies pursued in the schools of his native town, and on the homestead had practical experience in the art of agriculture. On arriving at manhood he was for a while employed as a teacher in the public schools; but on the declaration of war between England and the United States, in 1812, he entered his country's service, enlisting in an independent rifle corps. After a short campaign he sold his equipments, and subsequently was active as a commissary. Returning home after the cessation of hostilities, he bought a tract of land, and began the improvement of a farm. With the qualities of vigorous, resolute manhood that insure success, he carried on his work, meeting with prosperity at every turn, adding to his acreage from time to time, until he had a valuable farm of five hundred acres, the original homestead being now occupied by his son, Jerome B., above named. He carried on general farming for many years, retiring, however, from the active cares of life some ten years prior to his decease, passing his declining days in pleasant leisure at the home of his youngest daughter in Auburn, dying there at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years.

He married Arvilla Fish, a daughter of Nathan Fish, of Aurelius; and their household circle was gradually enlarged by the



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birth of eighteen children, as follows: Nathan E.; Cynthia E.; William; James V.; Ellen M.; Ira O.; Hiram; Louisa; George; Mary M.; Sophia J.; Jerome B. and George, twins; Margaret E.; Juliet A.; Flavius J.; Thomas J.; and Frances A. Four children died: Cynthia, James, George, and an infant. While rearing this large family, time dealt gently with them; and for forty-seven blessed years death crossed not the threshold of that happy home.

Jerome B. Webster was among the younger of the children born to his parents, and received an excellent common-school education, attending the district schools of Aurelius and Throop. Being reared to agricultural pursuits, he selected farming as the means by which he should obtain a livelihood and a comfortable competence. The homestead of his parents being large, he always found ample occupation on it, and has made it his permanent abiding-place. On the recent settling up of the parental estate the farm buildings in the town of Throop and seventy-one acres of arable land fell to his share. He is engaged in mixed husbandry, using excellent judgment in the cultivation of his crops, and sagacity in his business affairs.

Mr. Webster was united in marriage in 1877 to Miss Minnie Kingsley, the daughter of Alpha and Catherine (McMullen) Kingsley, of Vermont. The Webster family of Throop are people of intelligence, sound sense, and genuine worth, with whom it is a pleasure to have a friendship; and they have the respect and esteem of their entire neigh-

borhood. Politically, Mr. Webster is a staunch supporter of the principles promulgated by the Republican party.

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**F**ORDYCE H. BENEDICT, M.D., of Weedsport, one of the leading practitioners of medicine of the regular school, was born at Andes, Delaware County, N.Y., August 19, 1844, and is the son of William and Electa (Dodge) Benedict, the father being a farmer and old resident of that county. He was born in Danbury, Conn., in 1802. The grandfather Ezra moved from Connecticut to Andes, where he kept a hotel, which was afterward conducted by his son. Both father and son, however, retired from hotel life, and engaged in farming. Ezra was a staunch upholder of the Presbyterian faith, being a Deacon and Elder in the church. His son was afterward a Deacon of the same church. William Benedict married Miss Electa Dodge, of Oswego, N.Y., a daughter of Ezra Dodge, who was one of the pioneers of Tioga County, and lived to be nearly ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict reared a family of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Sarah M.; Fordyce H.; and Marsena, now of New Jersey. The father died in Weedsport in 1879, and the mother in 1882, they having come here about 1874. Mr. Benedict was an Elder of the Presbyterian church of Weedsport. He was a staunch Whig and Abolitionist, but never an aspirant for office.

Fordyce H. Benedict received his early



education at Andes and at the Delaware Literary Institute in Franklin, where the family moved in 1855. He taught school during the winter seasons, and attended school in the summer, having prepared for college with the intention of studying for the ministry. Instead of this, however, he enlisted August 4, 1862, in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to the defence of Washington at Camp Chase, where he remained with his regiment from September of that year until the spring of 1863. They then went to Yorktown, Va., and from there marched toward Richmond, as a feint to draw the attention of the rebel forces. They got within sight of Richmond, but, retreating, returned to Yorktown, whence they were ordered to Gettysburg; but the train was wrecked at Annapolis Junction, and Dr. Benedict, with forty-two others, was reported dead. He was sent back to Army Square Hospital, Washington, seriously injured, and lay there from July to September, afterward being sent home on a thirty-days' furlough. At its expiration he returned to the hospital, and was detailed on detached service as Hospital Steward, being engaged in that service when Lincoln was assassinated. He later assisted Dr. D. W. Bliss, who afterward became well known through his treatment of President Garfield.

Dr. Benedict remained in constant active hospital work until the close of the war, in 1865, being mustered out June 25th of that year. He then returned to Franklin, and read medicine with Dr. A. E. Sullard, at-

tending the Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1868. Prior to this he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Soldiers' Home at Albany by Attorney-general Pomfret. After graduation he came to Weedsport, and formed a partnership with Dr. I. D. Brown, doing the latter's work during the first winter that he was in Albany. The partnership continued for four years, when in 1872 it was dissolved, and Dr. Benedict continued alone, having the leading practice here for many years, and now being the oldest practitioner in the village, doing a large amount of surgical work. He is a member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, and also belongs to Weedsport Lodge, No. 385, A. F. & A. M. He was instrumental in organizing the Odd Fellows Lodge, and also Brackett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been Commander. He has never sought political office, giving his entire time to his professional duties, but is a staunch member and supporter of the Republican party. He has held the office of Health Officer of Weedsport, and also of the town of Brutus.

Dr. Benedict was first married to Miss Elizabeth Graham, of Delhi, who died, leaving one child, L. May, who resides with her father. May 6, 1882, he married Miss Louise McCarty, a daughter of Dr. Hiram McCarty, who practised here for forty years, dying in Weedsport at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Benedict was a teacher in the high school here for fourteen years prior to her marriage. Dr. Benedict and his daughter



are members of the Presbyterian church of Weedsport.

Dr. Benedict is a gifted man in more ways than one. In addition to attending to his large medical practice he is an artist of ability, and can show some fine paintings as a result of his work. He is also an enthusiastic ornithologist, having a fine collection of birds of every description, and is a practical taxidermist, his house and office showing many specimens of his skill in this branch of science. He is also a writer of considerable merit, having been correspondent of the *Rochester Post-Express* for a number of years, to which he has contributed a large number of poems as well as prose articles.

In the month of September, 1894, the Doctor entered into a copartnership with Willard J. Bell, C. N. Nicolls, and Ben. R. Lathrop, and formed a company known as the "Weedsport Spring Wire Truss Company." The trusses and goods manufactured by them at once became popular, and it is no more than fair to say that Dr. Benedict bids fair to be one of the wealthy citizens of Weedsport at no distant day.

**C**HARLES W. BALL, a successful farmer and miller, one of the foremost of the worthy citizens of the town of Throop, is a native of this county, having first opened his eyes to the light of the present world on January 31, 1842, in the town of Montezuma, which was also the birthplace of his father, Walter Ball. He is of New England ancestry, his grandfather, Sam-

uel Ball, having been of Connecticut birth. Samuel Ball was reared to manhood in his New England home, and was there married. Deciding that the chances for bettering his financial condition would be more favorable in an undeveloped country, he emigrated to New York, bringing his wife and all of his possessions, and settled in Cayuga County. Buying a tract of unbroken forest land in the town of Mentz, he cleared a space, and erected a log house, in which he and his wife lived. Before he had made many improvements, his career, which had begun so brightly, was suddenly checked, an accident causing his death while working on his homestead.

Walter Ball attended the district schools of Montezuma in his youthful days, and began early to assist his father on the farm, receiving practical instruction in the agricultural arts. He remained at home, his help being needed, and after his father's death bought out the interest of the other heirs, thus becoming the owner of the place of his birth. He made extensive improvements, among others being the erection of a new house, which is yet standing and in good condition. Strange to say, he, too, came to his death by accident, being killed on the banks of the Owasco Creek in Auburn. He married Sarah Sanders, a daughter of William Sanders, of New Jersey. Mr. Sanders was a pioneer of Cayuga County, having made the trip thither through the thick and tangled woods with ox teams. He and his family subsisted on the productions of their farm, with an occasional dinner of game; and his thrifty wife, in addi-



tion to earing for the physical wants of her household, spun flax and wool to make clothing for her family. Of the union of Walter and Sarah (Sanders) Ball five sons and two daughters were born; namely, Samuel, Edgar, George, Lewis, Charles W., Caroline, and Josephine.

Charles was the youngest of the five lads. He was educated in the district schools of Montezuma, and, like all farmers' sons, doubtless led a busy life when at home as a general chore boy. After the death of his father he and his brother Edgar remained on the homestead with their mother, Charles taking the farm. Subsequently he sold out his interest to his brother, who still owns and occupies the place. In the spring of 1885 Mr. Ball came to Throop, and, buying a farm, has since been an active and useful citizen of the town, being closely identified with its every interest. In addition to his agricultural work he carries on a lucrative business in connection with his saw-mill, his industry, sound judgment, and practical ability winning him excellent success.

Mr. Charles W. Ball was wedded in 1868 to Augusta Tallman, a daughter of Abram and Phœbe (Graeey) Tallman; and they became the parents of two children — Seymour C. and Sarah G. Ball. The former married Jennie Jones, daughter of Orrin and Sarah (Sears) Jones, of Aurelius, and lives at home, working with his father. Mr. Ball is a man of broad and liberal views, ever taking an intelligent interest in the advancement of his community, aiding as far as possible all plans for

public benefit. During his residence in Montezuma he was Assessor for nine consecutive years, and served in the same capacity in Throop for six years. He was also elected Supervisor in 1893, filling the office so satisfactorily that he was re-elected in 1894. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the Methodist Church of Fosterville. Socially, he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for thirty years. In politics he is an honest and sound Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote for George B. McClellan.

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MORTIMER ARNOLD is one of the representative citizens and successful farmers of this his native county, owning and occupying a pleasant homestead in District No. 1 in the town of Aurelius. He has spent almost his entire life in this place, and has been closely identified with its growth, watching its gradual progress and advancement with genuine pleasure. He was born August 18, 1818, and is a son of Nathan Arnold, a native of Saratoga County.

Nathan Arnold spent the earlier years of his life in the place of his nativity, where he was for many years engaged in shoemaking. Leaving Saratoga County previous to his marriage, he journeyed to Cayuga County, and here took up a tract of government land, which was still in its primitive condition. Clearing an opening, he erected a log cabin, which was the first dwelling of himself and family. With untiring energy and persever-



ing toil he labored day by day in his efforts to improve a comfortable homestead, and, while advancing his own interests, was an important factor in the development of his town. In common with the other pioneers of this section of the country he endured many hardships and trials with a patient fortitude undreamed of by the youth of this generation. The produce of their own ground and the game from the forests supplied the family table; while the good housewife spun, wove, and manufactured the wearing-apparel for the entire household. The wheel used by the mother of our subject in spinning the linen for family use is still in the possession of her descendants. Cayuga and Auburn were then the nearest markets, and much time was consumed in making the trips. The maiden name of the wife of Nathan Arnold was Mary Carver. She was a daughter of David and Mary (Peck) Carver, pioneers of Fleming. Their marriage resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary J., Ann, Eliza, Edwin, and Mortimer.

Mortimer Arnold gleaned his education in the typical pioneer schools of an early day, and ably assisted his parents in their labors, remaining with them until his marriage. He then rented the farm on shares, and on the death of his father came into possession of the homestead, which he now occupies. The skill and ability with which he has conducted his operations are evident to the passer-by in the well-cultivated fields, excellent crops, and the neat and tasteful appearance of the buildings and their surroundings.

Mr. Arnold was married on October 12, 1842, his bride being Lucinda Fitch, a daughter of Ebenezer and Catherine (Spoore) Fitch, natives of Massachusetts, Ebenezer Fitch being a son of Nathan and Amy Fitch, while Catherine Spoore was a daughter of Abraham and Maria (Wells) Spoore, of Coxsackie, Columbia County. Mrs. Arnold's parents were also among the original settlers of Cayuga County; and she has vivid recollections of the time when the flourishing city of Auburn was a mere opening in the forest, its only dwelling being a log tavern kept by Captain Hardenburgh. The nearest mill was then many miles distant, it taking three weeks to make the round trip. In those early days the people went to meeting barefooted in pleasant weather, saving their shoes for cold seasons. They lived altogether on the products of the farms, and in the winter season cut down the trees so that the cattle might eat the tops. Indians were numerous, but not at all troublesome; and wild animals of all kinds abounded.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are the parents of four children: Nathan, who married Mary L. White, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Whitcomb) White, of England; Helen, who married William McCarthy, of Aurelius, and died without issue; Eveline, who after the death of her sister Helen married Mr. McCarthy, and left six children—Claude, Clayton, Edna, Lulu, Mary, and Helen; and Ann, who is the wife of Manley P. Treat, of Auburn. Mr. Arnold, who is passing the evening of his busy life in ease and plenty, is eminently



worthy of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen, enjoying to the utmost the confidence and esteem of his many friends and acquaintances. In his political views he affiliates with the Republican party, having joined its ranks on the formation of the party; and his first Presidential vote, cast in 1840, was for William H. Harrison.

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**R**EV. WILLIAM CASE MATTISON, M.A., a well-known and dearly beloved minister of the Methodist church, retired from the active duties of his pastorate in October, 1893, after an energetic and faithful service of forty-three years. He was born in Scipio, Cayuga County, N.Y., February 18, 1832, son of the Rev. Seth and Lucy (Hoyt) Mattison, and through both his father and mother is descended from families well known in the early history of this country. His father, the Rev. Seth Mattison, was born at Shaftsbury, Vt., February 22, 1788. His grandfather Abram was an early settler in that State; and his father's brother, Colonel Abram Mattison, was in the War of 1812, and fought at the battle of Black Rock.

Seth Mattison, after receiving his education in his early life, taught school in his native State, and then came to Onondaga County, and joined the old Genesee Conference as a preacher. This conference is remembered for its zeal and for the difficulties it had to encounter in those early days, its first session being held in a corn-house belonging to Judge Dorsey, of Lyons, nothing better

than a box being found for a pulpit. This was in 1810, and the celebrated Bishop Asbury presided over the conference. The Rev. Seth Mattison preached through the western part of the State as far as Le Roy, and to the north and south of this part of the country, riding through the old circuits for thirty-three years, when he passed away at Percy, Wyoming County, in 1843, leaving a family of seven children. His wife was a native of Vermont, being one of the early Hoyt family of that State and a relation of Wendell Phillips. She died at Lima in 1834.

William Case Mattison was next to the youngest child, and inherited from his father many of the attributes of the true preacher; while from his mother's family he inherited the eloquence in exhortation which has resulted in such successful pastorates. He was educated in the common schools and at the academies at Seneca Falls and Ovid, and then received his college honors from the Indiana Asbury University, the degree of M.A. being conferred upon him. After a few years of teaching he joined the East Genesee Conference in 1850, the meeting being at Bath, Steuben County, Bishop Waugh presiding; and his first appointment was at Covington Mission, Tioga County, Pa., where he remained one year. After a year at Wellsboro, Tioga County, and two years at Whitesville, N.Y., he was appointed to the ministry of Tyrone, N.Y., where he held very successful revivals. At the end of two years he left a very strong church there, and went to Jacksonville, Tompkins County, for two years,



and thence to Pittsford near Rochester. From Pittsford he was sent to Genesee, thence to Bath, and from there to Lodi. The Civil War had now closed; and, much missionary work being needed in the West, Mr. Mattison was sent to the Missouri and Arkansas Annual Conference, and stationed at St. Joseph, Mo. In that place he remained one year, then went to Macon City, Macon County, where his service of almost three years was notably successful. Now he was again transferred to the Genesee Conference, and placed over the church at Angelica, Allegany County, whence after one year he was moved to Hornellsville, and was made Secretary of the Conference, in which position he edited the minutes of the Conference.

At this time his constant, untiring, and zealous labors began to tell upon his health; and, although he was recognized as one who was anxious to attempt the hardest and least enjoyable position for the sake of the cause nearest his heart, he was prevailed upon to accept a pastorate where he would have less wearying work, and accordingly he went to Hornellsville. After two years there he was transferred to Kirkville, Onondaga County, and then to Benton Centre, Yates County, staying in each place two years. Mr. Mattison was now known throughout the State for his abilities, and many congregations were anxious to secure his services. At this time Port Gibson was the fortunate society; and he was allowed to remain there three years, when he went to Fair Haven, also for three years. His first coming here was in 1882, and

through his activity and energy a new church was erected. In 1885 he went to Tyre, Seneca County, for three years, then to Milo for the same time, thence to Marion, Yates County, for one year, and then, after two years at Williamson, Wayne County, he retired to Fair Haven, where he had built a home some ten years previous to this. In four of Mr. Mattison's pastorates he has helped to build new church edifices. At Groveland during his Genesee charge twelve hundred dollars were expended in building. At Jacksonville three thousand dollars were spent upon the edifice. By the time Mr. Mattison had assisted two churches in this work his experience was indeed very valuable, so that at Fair Haven he not only selected the plan for the church, the society adopting it, but he raised the subscription, collected all the funds, paid all the debts, and acted as secretary until the church was dedicated. It was through the good management of Mr. Mattison, together with the energy and substantial aid of George I. Post, that the society was enabled to accomplish an undertaking which at first seemed to many impossible. At Milo Mr. Mattison was connected with his fourth building venture; and the thorough renovation of the church, together with the building of new sheds, made it possible to accommodate a much larger number, and resulted in the congregation being increased to twice its former size.

The first wife of Mr. Mattison was Anna C. Goodrich, of Albany, who was a niece of S. C. Goodrich, widely famous as "Peter



Parley." She died during her husband's charge at Lodi, leaving three sons: Dr. Edgar L., a prominent physician of Coudersport, Pa., who died in 1892; William G., an engineer at Hornellsville; Lyll Guyon, a hardware merchant at Newark, who married in 1870 Frances M. Barker, of Newburg, N.Y., by whom he has one child, Mary A., a graduate of Syracuse University, now engaged in teaching.

The Rev. William C. Mattison has been one of the most valuable men of his denomination in the State of New York and in the other States where he has labored in the cause of his Master. He was one of five Commissioners appointed to determine the location of the Conference Seminary, which had been bid for by Mansfield and Wellsboro; and it was his deciding vote that gave it to the latter place. His work in revivals has done an untold amount of good, bringing many wanderers into the fold. At Wayne fifty probationers were added to his flock; and at Jacksonville one hundred and twenty converts were gathered into the church. He has lived and labored in many places; and, wherever he has been, he has left the effects of his earnestness and zeal, while in the hearts of all who have listened Sunday after Sunday to his eloquent and able discourses, and who have through his influence accepted the higher and better life, he has left a name which will always be thought of with the deepest love and reverence by those who know the man who bears it. His ministry will be remembered for many years, for the good he has done

will last long after he has passed beyond all earthly ken.

**F**LORATIO MACK, an enterprising and popular pharmacist of the village of Montezuma, occupies an honorable position in the business world of this his native county. He is a leading business man in this thriving little village, having a neat and conveniently arranged store, in which he carries an extensive assortment of drugs of all kinds. Mr. Mack is also the village Postmaster, having served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned for a score of years, his first appointment having been in 1870, when he served until 1885, a new incumbent then taking his place. In 1889 he was reappointed, and still holds the office.

The birth of our subject occurred July 1, 1844, in the village of Montezuma, his parents being Zebulon and Sarah (Hoffman) Mack. He is of New England extraction, and a descendant of a veteran of the Revolutionary War, his grandfather, John Mack, who was born in Lyme, Conn., having been a gallant soldier of the Revolution. He removed from his native State to Woodstock, Vt., where he bought land, and lived for many years, prosperously engaged in tilling the soil. He was a man of honor and probity, and spent a long and active life, living far beyond the allotted threescore and ten years, his death occurring at the age of eighty-five. He was a man of deep religious convictions, and a devout member of the Baptist church. In



politics he was a Whig. He was the father of five children, all of whom grew to maturity, rounding out a full period of years, but none of whom are living.

Zebulon Mack spent the days of his childhood and early manhood in the place of his nativity, Woodstock, Vt., where he was born June 4, 1787. He was educated in a liberal manner, being fitted for a professional life, and for six years was engaged in teaching in Montreal. After continuing his professional career for several years, he removed to this State, locating in Seneca County, where he was engaged in the book trade for six years. In 1841 he came to this county, and, establishing himself in the grocery business in the village of Montezuma, built up an extensive trade, continuing thus engaged until failing health compelled him to give up active life; and the remainder of his years were spent in retirement from labor. He was a man of superior intelligence, well informed on all topics of general interest, and exerted an active influence in local affairs, being held in universal respect. He served as Postmaster from 1849 until 1853, being appointed by President Taylor, and for three years filled the office of Salt Inspector. He was a Republican in politics, and in his religious views coincided with the teachings of the Baptist denomination. He passed from the scenes of his earthly labors on November 14, 1861, at the age of over seventy-four years. He was twice married. His first wife died, leaving one son, Henry, who died April 6, 1893, at his residence in Jordan. His sec-

ond wife, mother of Horatio Mack, with whom she now makes her home, was born in Peekskill, N.Y., July 4, 1813, and is now an active woman of more than fourscore years. She was very capable and energetic in her younger days, possessing good business talent, and was successfully engaged in the millinery trade in the village of Montezuma for upward of thirty years. She is possessed of much force of character, is a sincere Christian and a worthy member of the Presbyterian church of Auburn.

Horatio Mack grew to man's estate in this town, and received his education in its public schools, living at home until twenty-one years old. He then started in life for himself, going to Titusville, Pa., where he secured a clerkship in the office of Curtis & Co., dealers in and refiners of oil, remaining with them two years, and returning to Montezuma in 1867. A few months later he was united in marriage to Sophia Forshee, a native of this town, born September 26, 1846, their nuptials being celebrated December 18, 1867. Mrs. Mack is a daughter of the late William and Susan Forshee, who were for many years respected members of the agricultural community of this locality, but are now deceased, he having passed away at the advanced age of fourscore years, and she when seventy-six.

After his marriage Mr. Mack clerked in a grocery store in Seneca Falls for about a year, going thence in 1869 to Port Byron, where he entered the employ of J. T. Smith, the leading general merchant of the place, remaining with him until February 27, 1870.



Being then appointed Postmaster of Montezuma, he returned to his former home, and opening a drug store, which he has since carried on with signal success, has remained an honored and influential citizen of the town. In political, business, and social life, he is active and prominent, ever performing his duties as a good and loyal citizen with promptness and fidelity. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has served his townsmen as Supervisor two terms, being again elected to that office in 1894. In the educational and moral advancement of the village he takes great interest; and both he and his wife are esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for fourteen years. Socially, he is prominently connected with the A. F. & A. M., being a member of Montezuma Lodge, No. 176, of which he has been Master for seven years. He has been a representative in the Grand Lodge seven years, and is now Past Master.

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**F**RANK S. CURTIS, B.S., attorney and counsellor-at-law, was born in the town of Moravia, Cayuga County, June 12, 1855, being the only child of Daniel N. and Rachel Ann (Francis) Curtis. The father was born in Columbia County, but came to Cayuga County in 1833, and here engaged in the business of farming. Mr. Daniel Curtis was at one time a prominent member of Kelloggsville Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which lodge disbanded some years ago.

He was first a Whig and afterward a Republican in politics. In religion the family were Universalists, attending the church of that denomination at Kelloggsville. Mrs. Curtis was born in the town of Niles, and was a daughter of John Francis, who was of French descent. Mr. Curtis was an Assessor of the town at the time of his death, which took place in February, 1890.

Frank S. Curtis, having received his early education in his native town, where he attended the common school and the union school, proceeded to Cornell University, where he took the scientific course, and was graduated in the class of 1880, with the degree of B.S. At the conclusion of his college career, he took up the study of shorthand, and followed that profession for about two years, studying law at the same time, having registered with Sylvester Brown, Esq., of Ithaca. In 1882 he came to Moravia, and read with the Hon. S. Edwin Day, then County Judge. In the fall of 1882 he attended the Albany Law School, studying there until 1883, when he was admitted to the bar by examination at the general term held at Rochester. He located his office for practice in Moravia, where he does a large amount of business in the Surrogate's Court.

Mr. Curtis has taken an active part in Republican politics, and has served on town and county committees. He has also been a delegate to the different town and county conventions. At the present time he is President of the Village Board of Health. He was first elected Justice of the Peace in 1884, and has



been twice re-elected, and has the large majority of that sort of business here, having a great amount of criminal work, where he takes the place of Police Justice. He has been largely instrumental in clearing the town of many of its objectionable characters. Mr. Curtis is a member of Sylvan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Past Senior Warden, and High Priest of Saint John the Baptist Chapter, A. F. & A. M., and a member of the Salem Town Commandery of Auburn, and also of the Consistory of Auburn Valley, No. 32. In 1885 he was made Special Surrogate, and held that office for a term of four years, occupying the position with dignity and credit. Mr. Curtis is a charter member of Moravia Lodge, No. 510, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the First Noble Grand. He has also been District Deputy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a number of years, and is a charter member of Me-ne-ah-tha Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Moravia, in which he has held all the offices, including that of Chancellor Commander. Mr. Curtis attended the triennial conclave of the Knights of Pythias in Washington, D.C., in 1889. In addition to the other numerous organizations Mr. Curtis was also one of the early members of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Curtis has a fine home in Moravia, and also owns the farm lately conducted by his father, which is situated near the town. He is connected with the Walker Manufacturing Company as a stockholder, and is its attorney. He has also been attorney for the

National Harrow Company in their extended litigation, having a large amount of work to do on that account. Mr. Curtis is one of the most prominent men in Moravia. His superior talents as a lawyer have been fully tested, and not found wanting in the many notable and important cases which he has successfully conducted. He is a courteous and well-read gentleman, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens in a high degree.

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 SCAR BLUE SWAYZE, M.D., the leading general physician in Union Springs, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in this town, November 23, 1863, in the most trying season of the nation's great Civil War. His mother was Jerusha Blue, a daughter of Cornelius Blue; and his father was Israel Swayze. The Doctor's grandfather, Jacob Swayze, came from New Jersey to New York State, when Israel was a small boy, and took a farm in Lansing, as one of the earliest settlers in that town.

Israel was born in New Jersey in 1828, just before General Jackson's first election to the Presidency. He learned his trade of carriage-maker in the neighboring town of Groton, and there he married Miss Blue. After a thorough apprenticeship he came to Union Springs, where he owned a carriage shop for several years; but in 1864, when Oscar was a babe, the family removed to Lansing, Tompkins County, and there farmed for some years, though Mr. Swayze died in the town of Ledyard in Cayuga County, on February 1,



1892. In early life he became an Odd Fellow, but did not retain his membership in the order in his latter years. Israel and Jerusha (Blue) Swayze reared six children, all of whom are now living, and may be thus briefly mentioned: Minnie Swayze married L. H. Dickerson, of Lake Ridge, N.Y. Myron Blue Swayze lives at King's Ferry. George Swayze is principal of the commercial department of a seminary at Lima. The fourth child is Oscar Blue Swayze. The fifth, Margaret, was a teacher, and is now the wife of E. J. Young, of Mapleton, N.Y. Ben L. Swayze remains on the farm at Scipioville, N.Y. The mother, Mrs. Jerusha B. Swayze, is still living, and enjoying good health.

Oscar went first to the district school in Lansing, and then to Oakwood Seminary in Union Springs. After five years of teaching he returned to the seminary for a special course of scientific instruction, and then went to the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, where he was matriculated, remaining there through the regular and two special courses, from 1889 till 1892, when he took the competitive examination, and was appointed one of the Resident Hospital Physicians. After a year of this varied professional experience under the best possible conditions he came to Union Springs on the first day of April, 1893, when he was thirty years old; and he at once secured a good practice as one of the most able younger practitioners of the county. He has been appointed Health Officer, not only for the town where his regular business is carried on, but for the neigh-

boring village of Springport; and he belongs to the Cayuga County Medical Association. Religiously, he belongs to the Presbyterian church in Scipioville, though he of course attends the meetings nearer his home.

That witty physician, story-teller, and poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, has said, "Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor; but, if a man hasn't got plenty of good common sense, the more science he has the worse for his patient." Dr. Swayze's patients are fortunate in having a physician in whom common sense and science are happily united.

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**A**UGUSTUS DUNCKEL, a prominent, progressive, and prosperous business man of the town of Aurelius, is closely identified with the manufacturing interests of Cayuga County, which has been the place of his residence for many years. He is public-spirited and liberal as a citizen, most obliging and friendly as a neighbor.

Mr. Dunckel is a native of New York, born in Schoharie County, June 13, 1851. He was reared and obtained a good common-school education in the place of his nativity, and as early in life as practicable began his career as a business man. He engaged in the malt business when very young, and, finding it profitable in a pecuniary sense, has since continued in the same occupation. Many years ago he came to Cayuga County, taking up his abode in Aurelius; and in the fall of 1882,



having an advantageous opportunity, he with others purchased the malt-mill of Kyle. Howe & Co., and has since carried on an extensive manufacturing business. The firm, which is known as Neidlinger & Son, has been highly prospered in its operations, having greatly enlarged and improved the trade since it came into its possession, the fair and honest business methods of these gentlemen being everywhere recognized. In addition to the manufacture of malt, this company, with characteristic energy and enterprise, have carried on an extensive retail trade in coal.

Mr. Dunckel was united in marriage in December, 1884, to Kate E. Titus, a daughter of Hiram and Susan (Cook) Titus, of Aurelius, of whom a sketch is given on another page of this volume. One child has come to increase the joys of the household, a daughter named Kate Irene.

After his marriage Mr. Dunckel erected a commodious and handsome residence on the main street of the village of Cayuga, which was completed in 1886; and here he and his happy family reside, surrounded by all the comforts that heart can desire. Besides this handsome property Mr. Dunckel has money invested in real estate, being the owner of several tenement-houses, which return him good rents each year. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party, although he takes no active part in politics, and has no official aspirations. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1872 for Horace Greeley. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

THOMAS J. BELL, a well-known public-spirited citizen of Auburn, was born in this city on October 8, 1840. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Wallis) Bell. Mr. Robert Bell was a native of the north-of Ireland, of Scotch descent, and came to this city in 1833, where he engaged in business until 1857, when he moved onto a farm, and there resided till 1863. In that year he established a livery business, which he conducted till his retirement in January, 1880. His death occurred on February 28, 1894.

Thomas J. Bell was educated in the Auburn common schools, and at the commencement of the Civil War enlisted in Company G, Third New York Light Artillery, which was connected with the Eighteenth Army Corps, and during most of the time was engaged in garrison duty. After serving three years and one month, he was honorably discharged on October 30, 1865. Being then appointed an officer on the prison force, he held that position for three years. In 1868 he bought out the livery business, which he now so successfully conducts, having a first-class livery stable in all particulars. He is also owner of a fine farm outside the city limits. Mr. Bell has served acceptably as Alderman from the Fifth Ward for eight years, was Supervisor of the same ward for one term, was appointed on the Board of Health in 1893, and was again elected Supervisor in 1894. He was a member of Seward Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was Commander for two years, afterward joining the C. W. Crocker



Post, and is now serving his third term as Commander. He is a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M., and of the Auburn Gun Club.

Mr. Bell was married on December 31, 1870, to Miss Helen I. Ransier, of Port Byron, and has four living children by this marriage, two sons and two daughters, namely: Elizabeth A., wife of W. A. Woodin; Gertie E., wife of Ray Hine; Robert Lester; and Thomas Malvern Hill. Mr. Bell is a prominent and ardent upholder of the People's Party. By a steady application to business he has gained for himself a goodly portion of this world's goods, and in the performance of his public duty has shown himself to be alive to the interests of the city and a worthy citizen.

**C**HRISTOPHER PETERSON, an active and practical farmer in the prime of life, is the proprietor of a snug homestead in the town of Fleming in District No. 7. He was born on the farm where he now resides on March 4, 1856, being a son of Cornelius and Helen (Post) Peterson and a grandson of Christopher and Maria (Post) Peterson. (For an extended history of the Peterson family see the sketch of George R. Peterson, which appears in another part of this work.)

Cornelius Peterson was also a native of Fleming, and was the eldest child born to his parents. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and followed the peaceful vocation

of farming during his entire life, which was passed in this town, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years. He married Helen Post, whose birthplace was Fleming, she being the daughter of Jacob Post, who was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. Christopher Post, her paternal grandfather, was, it is thought, a native of Somerset County. He was for many years engaged in farming in the town of Windsor, Mercer County, N.J. In 1796 he emigrated to this State, and was a pioneer settler of what is now the town of Fleming, Cayuga County, and here bought a tract of heavy timber-land, the deed for which, bearing that date, is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Mr. Peterson. After erecting a log house, with puncheon floors and the roof covered with shakes riven from the forest trees, he began to clear his land. Standing timber had then no market value, and large logs were piled together and reduced to ashes by burning. After living there a number of years, Mr. Post replaced the log cabin with a substantial frame house, and, having improved a fine homestead, there spent the remainder of his years. He married Margaret Bergen, who bore him several children.

Jacob Post inherited a tract of land from his father, Christopher Post, and here engaged in farming and stock-raising as long as his life was spared. The maiden name of his wife, maternal grandmother of Mr. Peterson, was Jane Nepheus. She was born in New Jersey, and died on the home farm. Of the children born to them Helen, Mrs. Cornelius Peterson, is still living, and occupies a por-



tion of the farm her grandfather reclaimed from the wilderness. She and her husband reared ten children; namely, Gilbert, Augusta, Jennie, Christopher, George, Elsie, Maggie, Nellie, Schuyler, and Phoebe.

Christopher Peterson, the fourth child and second son of Cornelius and Helen, was born, bred, and educated in the town where he now resides, and since arriving at years of discretion has been identified with its agricultural pursuits, and is now prosperously engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is the owner of a part of the land included in the tract purchased by his great-grandfather Peterson, and occupies a commodious frame house, which was erected by his father on the west bank of Owasco Lake, having a fine and slightly location. Mr. Peterson has a good reputation as a skilled agriculturist, and is an enterprising and valued citizen of his community. In politics he is a firm adherent of the Republican party.

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**I**SAAC JUMP. Among the fine farms of Scipio which attract the attention of the traveller is that of the subject of this sketch, which is pleasantly located in District No. 8, and in point of improvements compares favorably with any in the vicinity. Mr. Jump is a native of this State, his birth having occurred January 8, 1821, in Greene County, which was also the place of nativity of his father, Elijah Jump, and was the life-long residence of his grandfather, Gilbert Jump, who was a farmer by occupation, and

owned a good farm. The children of the grandfather's household were seven in number -- Betsey, Charlotte, Loretta, Elijah, Horace, Ira, and Russell.

Elijah Jump was the eldest son born to his parents, and, when quite young, much of his time was given to performing the chores around the house and barn; and, as each season gave him additional work on the farm, he gradually became initiated into all departments of labor connected therewith, and on arriving at man's estate was well fitted to assume the management of a farm. In 1829 he came with his family to Cayuga County, the journey being performed by means of wagons and the canal-boat. He here engaged in farming and milling in the town of Scipio, remaining here, industriously employed until 1845, when, with his wife and one of his sons, he moved still farther westward, settling in Ohio. Resuming his agricultural labors, he resided in that State the remainder of his days, dying in 1871, at the venerable age of fourscore years. Wherever he lived, he was numbered among the respected citizens of the place, worthily performing his duties as such; and during his residence in his native county, inspired by patriotic motives, he enlisted in the War of 1812, and served bravely and well. To him and his good wife, who was formerly Charity Jones, were born eleven children, namely: Betsey Ann; Olive; Jane; Gilbert, deceased; Jarvis; George, deceased; Isaac; Theodore, deceased; Edwin; Smith, deceased; and Ceylon.

Isaac, the seventh child of Elijah and Char-



ity (Jones) Jump, began his education in Greene County; but, coming with his parents to this county at the age of eight years, his schooling was completed in the schools of Scipio. Being reared on a farm, he early selected as his occupation the free and independent calling of the farmer, to which he afterward added that of a miller, building a saw and grist mill in 1844, which in conjunction with his father-in-law, Ansel Culver, for a period of sixteen years he carried on successfully and profitably. Mr. Jump then embraced an offered opportunity to exchange his milling interests for three hundred and twenty acres of land in Michigan; and the following eight years were devoted to the improvement of that property, although he continued to live in New York. In 1868 Mr. Jump bought the farm that he now owns and occupies in Scipio; and its broad and well cultivated fields, its green pastures and hill-sides, on which the cattle graze, and the many and comfortable buildings with their neat appearance, all bespeak the intelligence, ability, and thrift of the skilful manager of the premises. Mr. Jump is a man of great resolution, with an active mind and a clear understanding, possessing much financial ability, and, while caring for his own interests, is not unmindful of the welfare of the town, having saved it once many thousands of dollars. At that time the railway company, in its anxiety to bond the town, had appointed the commissioners to attend to the business; but Mr. Jump, with two other gentlemen of equal judgment and foresight, took the matter into court,

and, serving an injunction on the railway company, stopped the issuing of worthless bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars.

In public affairs Mr. Jump has always taken an active and intelligent interest, contributing his time and his money generously to aid the advancement and prosperity of his town, and has served in various official capacities with acceptance, having been School Trustee for many years; and from 1871 to 1874 he was one of the Supervisors. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and for thirteen years was Master of the lodge. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844.

Mr. Jump has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was wedded in 1844, was Ruth Culver, a daughter of Ansel and Rachel (Calkins) Culver. The one child born of their union was a daughter named Rebecca, who is the wife of Isaac Close, and has one child, Eva. After the death of his first wife Mr. Jump married Ruth Close, the daughter of Harvey and Hannah (Banks) Close, her paternal grandparents being Jabez and Abigail (Seeley) Close, early pioneers of the town of Scipio.

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**T**HEODORE F. STAATS, one of the enterprising and skilful farmers of Cayuga County, noted for his eminent success in his chosen occupation, is a native of Aurelius, the homestead where he yet lives having been the place of his birth, which occurred August 31, 1836. His valuable farm, which is amply supplied with substantial buildings and well



equipped with the requisite machinery for carrying on his agricultural work after the most improved modern methods, is pleasantly situated in District No. 1, and contains one hundred and fifty acres of fertile and productive land. Mr. Staats is the descendant of an excellent New Jersey family, his grandfather, Abraham Staats, having been a life-long resident of that State. He was a farmer by occupation, and a diligent and successful one. On the 23d of December, 1795, he married Dorothy Veighte, who was a prudent and thrifty helpmate, looking well to the ways of her household.

Their son, Abraham A. Staats, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey, where the earlier years of his life were passed. Availing himself of the excellent facilities afforded him for obtaining an education, he fitted himself for a teacher, and followed that profession for some time in his native State. He afterward entered a mercantile life, opening a store of general merchandise, carrying it on for several years with good success. He remained a resident of his native State until twenty-seven years of age, when he came to Cayuga County, New York, where he was soon afterward united in matrimony with Maria Van Nest, daughter of George and Mary Van Nest, of Fleming. Retracing his steps to his old home, he spent the next three years in New Jersey. Then, returning to this county, he bought a farm in the town of Aurelius, and for more than two score years was numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of the place. Into the happy household of

himself and wife there came one child only, a son, whom they named Theodore, which means "gift of God." He made many and substantial improvements on his place, living there until his death, May 18, 1891.

Theodore received an excellent education in his boyhood, attending first the district schools of Aurelius, and afterward pursuing more advanced studies at the academy in Auburn. Being the only child, his assistance was needed on the home farm; and here he has spent an active and useful life, the estate on which he formerly labored in conjunction with his father being now in his possession. It is needless to add that he carries it on with the same judicious skill that had previously been exercised in its management, making it one of the attractive homesteads of the county. Mr. Staats has never married, but is nevertheless very cheerful and contented. He is a well-improved man of much force of character, with keen foresight and a well-balanced mind, and wields a healthful influence in the community. In politics he has always been a sound Republican, having cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and at every election since has voted the Republican ticket. At the present time Mr. Staats is serving most acceptably as one of the Board of Assessors.

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**D**ANIEL SWARTWOUT, a respected farmer residing in the town of Owasco, was born in this town on October 16, 1824. His father, Simeon, was



born at Deer Park, Orange County, N.Y., as was also his grandfather, Peter. The great-grandfather, Jacob, was a native of the town of Hurley. Roeliff Swartwout, the grandfather of Jacob, was the first of the name to come to this country. He was a prominent man in public affairs in the early history of Ulster County, having been commissioned the first Sheriff of Esopus, under the charter granted by the States General in 1661. He was also a member of Governor Leslie's Council in 1689, and was appointed Justice and Collector of Ulster County on December 24, 1689. He was a native of Amsterdam, Holland, born in 1634, and came to this country in 1655, first settling at Fort Orange (Albany). He was married August 13, 1657, to Eva Albertse, a daughter of Abbot Andriessen Bradt de Noorman, of Fort Orange, and widow of Anthony de Hooges, by whom she had five children. The place called "Anthony's Nose" on the Hudson is said to have been named after Anthony de Hooges. Roeliff made a visit to Holland, returning in 1660 to Esopus (Kingston), where he settled with his family. His first wife dying, he married in New York City, on October 8, 1691, Francyntje Andries, widow of Abram Lubbertsen. In the latter part of his life he lived on his farm at Hurley. The will of Roeliff Swartwout, made in his eightieth year, in 1714, is recorded in the Dutch language at Kingston.

Jacob Swartwout was married May 30, 1721, to Antje Gumaer, daughter of Peter Gumaer and Esther Hasbrouck. Jacob Swart-

wout was a Major of the county militia; and his widow, Antje, distinguished herself when the Indians invaded the valley in 1778, by parading in the fort with the men, armed with a pitchfork, in sight of the enemy. The children of Jacob and Antje (Gumaer) Swartwout were: Peter, born April 14, 1723; Gerardus, born August 29, 1725, killed by Indians during the French and Indian War; Philip; Hester; and Jane. Philip, born January 28, 1728, married Anne Wyncoop, of Rochester. He succeeded to his father's estate, and was a Justice of the Peace prior to the Revolution. He and his two eldest sons were killed and a third son was badly wounded by Indians when they invaded the valley of Neversink in October, 1778. The children of Peter and Jane (Westfall) Swartwout were: Simeon, Sallie, Samuel, Deborah, Philip, James D., and David. Simeon came to Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y., in 1813, the journey being made by means of teams. He settled at Owasco Lake, taking up a tract of land of two hundred acres. He erected a fine frame house, and lived there until 1867, when he went to Michigan to visit his son, and was taken sick while there, and died July 8, 1867, aged seventy-eight. He was married to Aicy Westfall, a daughter of Abraham and Annie Westfall, the following children being born to them; namely, Peter, James, Annie, Daniel, Sallie, and Margaret.

Daniel Swartwout, third son of Simeon, was educated in the district schools. He succeeded on his father's death to the old homestead, paying out the claims of the other



heirs, and is now possessed of one of the best farms in the county, fitted out with every modern improvement.

He was married April 24, 1849, to Mary J. Noyes, a resident of Niles and daughter of Samuel B. and Catherine R. (Jackson) Noyes, the former having been born in Connecticut, and the latter in Fleming. The father of Samuel B. was John B. Noyes, also of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Swartwout have one son, Samuel N., who was born March 24, 1861. Although a young man, he has been very prominent in political matters for the Republican party. He has been Town Clerk for three and one-half years, and Inspector of Elections for three terms, and in 1893 was elected Supervisor. He was married September 19, 1883, to Miss Emma R. Peterson, daughter of George R. and Mary (Post) Peterson, of Fleming. They have one child, Elsie R.

Mr. Swartwout and family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Auburn. The manly qualities which distinguished the Swartwouts in their pioneer days have descended in no less degree to the present generation, who are well known as chivalrous and upright men, enjoying the esteem and confidence of their fellows.

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**F**RANK J. STUPP, First Sergeant of the Wheeler Rifles, and Armorer of the New York State Armory at Auburn, was born in New York City, March 24, 1844, the son of John and Elizabeth (Reeber) Stupp.

The father was born in the province of Bavaria, Germany, in 1816. He came to this country when a young man, working at his trade of a shoemaker in New York City, and about 1848 came to Auburn, where he engaged in the same business. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Stupp were of the Presbyterian faith, Mrs. Stupp, like her husband, being of German birth. Mr. Stupp died in October, 1883, leaving a widow and one son, the subject of this sketch.

Frank J. Stupp came to Auburn with his parents when quite young, but passed most of his boyhood days in New York City, where he was educated. While there, he enlisted, at the age of seventeen, in Company E, Fifty-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, to aid in quelling the Rebellion; but, being a minor, his father took him out of the service, and brought him to Auburn, where he learned the trade of a barber. Opening a shop of his own, he continued here in business one year, and then enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Eleventh New York Volunteer Infantry, July 16, 1862, and was sent to the Army of the Potomac. He was first at Harper's Ferry when Colonel Miles surrendered, remaining in the defence until the spring of 1863, when they were sent to Chicago as paroled prisoners, afterward going back into the field, being engaged in the defence of Washington until June, 1863. He was with the Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg, where he was wounded July 2, 1863. Returning to the regiment for duty the following November, he remained with it until



the close of the war, being engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and various other battles and skirmishes. During the latter part of his service he attained the rank of Sergeant. He was at the review in Washington at the close of the war, afterward returning to Auburn, where he again opened a barber shop and engaged in business on Genesee Street, giving employment to five men.

In 1876 Mr. Stupp accepted a position as Keeper in the Auburn State prison, which he held until his appointment as Armorer at the State Armory in 1885. He had joined the Wheeler Rifles in 1882 as a private, and has held the position of Armorer since 1885, also receiving the rank of Sergeant in that year. He had been a member of Company B, N.Y. N. G., since 1861, and kept up his membership in that organization until 1873, being Captain of his company when he resigned, to accept the Quartermastership of the regiment under General C. D. McDougall, which position he held until February, 1877. He is a member of Saint Paul's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., David's Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M., and Salem Town Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templars, having been Master of the Lodge from 1871 to 1873 inclusive. He is also a member of the Board of Health, as well as being a Commissioner for the city. He has been an active worker in the Democratic ranks, but never an aspirant for office.

Mr. Stupp was married to Miss Louisa Bennett, of Auburn, daughter of Isaac Bennett, in August, 1862, and has five living children,

namely: Clara M., wife of Hiram Rieh; Cora A., wife of James Thomas; George N., employed in the Western Union Telegraph office; Frank J., Jr.; and Graeie B. Stupp.

The New York State Armory of Auburn, of which Mr. Stupp is Armorer, is built of stone, and was finished in 1873. The main building is one hundred and twenty-five feet by fifty-five feet, two stories in height. The first floor is devoted to squad rooms, dressing-rooms, and equipment office, and reading-room. The upper floor is reserved for a drill room. There has been an addition made of one story, seventy-five feet by forty, for a squad drill room. The building is heated by steam and furnished with electric lights. The members of the Wheeler Rifles (Second Separate Company, Fourth Brigade, National Guards, State of New York) are a fine class of men, the company being a high social as well as military organization.

Mr. Stupp by his distinguished army career is eminently qualified for the position which he now holds and so acceptably fills, being held in high respect and esteem by all.

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ALBERT LLEWELLYN HALL,  
M.D., who stood at the head of his class in Syracuse University, also stands high in his profession, not only in Fair Haven, where he has resided since 1879, but throughout this region. A thorough student, skilled with his pen, as with scalpel and stethoscope, he is the author of papers that have found a place, not only in ordinary pro-



fessional journals, but in the *Medical Record*, published in New York City, which is the leading periodical of its kind in the United States. Among his published essays may be mentioned those on "Creosote in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," August 6, 1892; "Sensory Derangement Following Intra-cerebral Injuries," April 11, 1891; "Simulation of Diseased States for the Purpose of Gain," April 2, 1893. Dr. Hall is regarded as the leading physician and surgeon in the northern part of Cayuga County.

The Halls are of English ancestry. The Doctor's great-great-grandfather, Jonathan Hall, a captain in the War of 1812, was born in Massachusetts, and married Abba Bisbee, whose family owned one of the first cotton-mills in Rhode Island, where they were prominent people. His grandfather, Hopestill Hall, was born September 7, 1796, and in 1809, when only a dozen years old, came with his parents to Pompey Hill, in Onondaga County. Later, in 1820, at the age of twenty-four, he came as a pioneer to Oswego County. His wife was Eliza Sparks, born in Leslie, Addison County, Vt., October 16, 1796, a daughter of Stephen Sparks, and a first cousin of Jared Sparks, the eminent historian, clergyman, and college president. Besides being a farmer, Grandfather Hopestill Hall employed several men in a shoe factory, which was rather unusual in those days, when more than one or two workmen were rarely found in the same shop. Hopestill Hall's son, Ransom Laurence Hall, the father of the Doctor, was born in Oswego

County on March 20, 1828, on the Hastings Homestead, and always remained an agriculturist. His wife, Mary Jane, was a daughter of W. Henry Barnes, of Oswego County, and died in 1853, leaving but one son, Albert, who forms the chief subject of this sketch; he was then only a child, three years old.

Albert Llewellyn Hall was born in Hastings, December 14, 1850. He first attended the public schools, and then the Central New York Conference Seminary at Cazenovia. After five years' experience as a schoolmaster, he began the study of medicine with Dr. N. W. Bates, of Central Square, Oswego County, and then took a course of instruction in the medical department of the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, whence he returned to his native State, to study four terms in the medical school connected with the Syracuse University, which was the earliest institution in the State to adopt an extended course of medical study. Of the entering class of twenty-four members, only four besides young Hall persevered to the point of graduation in the year 1879. Having spent five years in preparing for his work, Dr. Hall now decided to take up his residence in Fair Haven, where he soon had a good general practice, besides giving special attention to nervous troubles and expert work. He has been both President and Vice-President of the Cayuga County Medical Society, and belongs to the Central New York Medical Association. He is also connected with the National Association of Railway Surgeons, having



since 1890 been the surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, a position to which he was appointed by President Wilbur.

In his own village he was formerly School Trustee, till that office was merged into the Board of Education, of which he was duly elected a member for three terms. When the small-pox prevailed in Canada, and during the cholera scare of 1892, he was made Sanitary Inspector for the United States Marine Hospital service, his reports being embodied in the report of the State Board of Health for that year. For three terms, beginning with 1885, he was elected County Coroner, and is the present incumbent. In Benjamin Harrison's Presidential administration the Doctor was a member of the Auburn board of pension examining surgeons, retaining the place until after President Cleveland's second election, in 1892. Five years successively he was elected a member of the Board of Health of the town of Sterling, and is now a health officer in Fair Haven, being the first to hold that office here. He has entered largely into the field of medico-legal evidence, and has had charge of the medical evidence in several important cases; and in some of these cases his evidence secured large sums for the plaintiff. To Oswego he was summoned as an expert in an important trial; and in reference to this case a leading attorney, D. P. Morehouse, of Oswego, wrote him as follows: "Your testimony was given in a clear and intelligent way, that soon convinced the court and jury that you were master of the subject; and it was given with that positiveness of

manner that carries conviction." This opinion was confirmed by Judge Churchill, who presided at the trial. While giving his time to such cases, they have come to Dr. Hall unsought, and have been the means of securing for him a merited distinction as a medico-legal expert in nervous affections.

In the fraternal line he belongs to the Central Square Lodge of Masons. He is at present holding the office of President of the village of Fair Haven, this being his second term. December 29, 1875, the Doctor married Almeda L. Allen, of West Monroe; and they have two children: Blanch Allen Hall, born March 2, 1876, and Ralph Llewellyn Hall, born August 11, 1878. The mother was educated at the Fulton Academy, which was in its day the foremost institution of its kind in this vicinity, and for several years was a teacher in the public schools of the State. Mrs. Hall may be proud of her husband's reputation and ability and of her children's promise of useful and happy lives.

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**S**AFFRINE L. DEPEW, a Justice of the Peace and enterprising farmer in the town of Sennett, Cayuga County, N.Y., was born in Owasco in 1865, son of Henry P. Depew. His great-great-grandfather, Abram Depew, came to this country from France more than a hundred years ago. He was accompanied by his two brothers, Nicholas and Ezra; and they settled on the banks of the Hudson in Ulster County, New York.



In 1793 two of Abram's sons, Abram, Jr., and Martin, came to Cayuga County, and took up their abode in Owasco, where they cleared a farm. It was the fall of the year when they came, and they kept their horses and cattle through the winter by felling trees and letting them browse on the branches. In 1796 Abram, Jr., married Miss Ann Cortright. They reared a family of six children, of whom the second was named Saffrine. He married in 1822 Miss Lizzie Depuy; and, settling in Owasco, they, too, reared six children. Henry P. Depew, the third of this group, married in 1863 Miss Judie Wormer. In 1866 he sold his farm in Owasco, where he had been living, and bought the farm of his father-in-law in the town of Sennett. Here they lived and brought up their two boys—Saffrine L. and Willford H. Depew, the first of whom was named for his grandfather, but is distinguished from him by the initial L. of his middle name.

Saffrine L. Depew received his elementary education in the district schools of Sennett, and pursued his advanced studies in the Auburn High School, where he was graduated. At the age of eighteen he taught in the district school, and was so occupied for two winters. He then worked for his father on the farm for a year, when he married, and continued working on the old homestead and on his father-in-law's farm for two years. In 1889 he purchased the homestead, carrying on general farming until 1891, when he bought a residence in the village of Sennett, and engaged in the grain, produce, and coal busi-

ness. Although very successful in this undertaking, Mr. Depew remained there but two years, when he moved back to the farm, where he is now actively engaged in general agriculture. He has one of the best farms in Cayuga County, fitted up with the latest improvements.

Before Mr. Depew was twenty-one years of age he was appointed Inspector of Elections, and in 1889 was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he holds at the present time. He was married December 15, 1886, to Miss Jennie L. Phelps, the daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Sheldon) Phelps, of Sennett. They have had two children, only one of whom is living, Jessie. Mr. and Mrs. Depew are members and supporters of the Presbyterian church of Sennett. In politics Mr. Depew is a Republican, his father being a Democrat. He is a prominent member of the Cayuga County Farmers' Club. Mr. Depew is an exceedingly bright and intelligent man, and, although young in years, has taken an active part in politics. The public offices he has held have required a ripe judgment, in which Mr. Depew has proved himself to be proficient, being held in the highest esteem by his townspeople.

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**G**EORGE WEBSTER NELLIS, a well-known Auburn lawyer, was in 1893 elected District Attorney for Cayuga County, and entered upon the exacting and intricate duties of his office with the beginning of the new year of 1894. He was born



in the town of Herkimer in the county of that name on August 12, 1856, his father being Peter John Nellis, and his mother Mary (Sphoon) Nellis. The Nellises have lived in the Mohawk Valley for many generations, taking their inheritance from one of the original settlers; and this is equally true of Mr. Nellis's mother's family, the Sphoons. In religion both—families were adherents of the Presbyterian church from the olden times.

Long before the present District Attorney's birth his parents were residents of Cayuga County, his father having come hither in youth or early manhood. After a short residence on a Moravia farm, Peter J. Nellis removed to another farm, situated within the corporation limits of Auburn, in which city he subsequently held various public positions, such as Keeper of the prison and United States Gauger. He was an ardent supporter of the Union cause, and in 1864 was recommended by the war committee for a Captaincy; but serious illness prevented him from joining his regiment. After attending the Auburn Grammar and High Schools, George W. Nellis received private instruction, and then engaged in the insurance and real estate business for three years with L. C. Mann & Son. Then he decided to study law, and entered the office of Richard C. Steel on the first day of August, 1877, at the age of twenty-one. As he was determined to thoroughly master the profession, he did not seek admittance to the bar until four years later, January 7, 1881, when he was admitted to practice after

an examination held at Utica; and thereafter he continued his association with Mr. Steel till that gentleman's death, December 28, 1886. He then formed a partnership with R. L. Drummond, under the firm name of Drummond & Nellis. After two years' practice this partnership was dissolved, and the junior member carried on the office alone, building up a fine practice, until his election to his present office as District Attorney, a position previously held by his former law partners, Mr. Steel and Mr. Drummond. Mr. Nellis has always been an ardent Republican, and has represented his party in the Board of Supervisors and in legislative and judicial conventions.

His wife, Eunice Adora Washburn, whom he married in 1882, is a descendant of the New England Washburn family, and they have been blessed with four children: Altie Meribah Nellis, born in 1885; Richard Steel Nellis, born in 1888, named after his father's early professional friend; Mary Steel Nellis, born in 1890; and Eunice Irene Nellis, born in 1893. The family are members and regular attendants of the Second Presbyterian Church of Auburn.

Says Ruskin, and Mr. Nellis is a man to feel the deep truth of such words, "If there be one principle more widely than another confessed by every utterance, or more sternly than another imprinted on every atom of the visible creation, that principle is not liberty, but law." Yet this District Attorney is also one who knows how to "let mercy season justice."



**D**ANIEL Y. BRAY, a well-known farmer and milk-dealer of Union Springs, N.Y., was born at Homeoye, Ontario County, N.Y., May 12, 1856, son of James and Sally Ann (Yawger) Bray. He came to the town of Springport, Cayuga County, in 1869, receiving his education at the Friends' Academy and Canandaigua Academy, supplemented by a course at the Business College of Rochester University, after which he returned to Union Springs, and engaged in painting and paper-hanging for some years. In 1887 he bought the old Yawger homestead on which his mother was born, and since then has carried on the business of a farmer and dealer in milk, having sole control of the milk business in Union Springs, and giving employment to three men. Mr. Bray was elected Town Clerk of Springport in 1884, being elected on the Republican ticket, and holding the office for six years. He was also elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1893, for a term of three years. Having given considerable time to the study of law, he is well qualified for this position. He has been Trustee of the village for one year, and clerk of the schools for several years. His residence is a fine old brick farmhouse, built by his grandfather.

Mr. Bray was married September 5, 1878, to Miss Adelle Hathorn, daughter of William and Hannah M. Hathorn, of Union Springs. They have two children — Frank H. and Hannah E. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Bray is a member. Mr. Bray is a member of Warren Lodge, No.

176. of Union Springs. He is a man of keen observation and ripe judgment, necessary qualifications for the various positions which he so ably fills.

**C**HARLES O. BAKER, M.D., one of the leading physicians of Auburn, dates his ancestry from the time of his great-great-grandfather, an officer in the British army, who eventually made this country his home. His grandfather, Artemas, was one of the early pioneers who came to New York from New England, and settled in Cayuga County, where he became a large land-owner. The father of Dr. Baker was born in Fleming. He was a farmer by occupation, and one of the most prominent men of the town, being held in high estimation by his fellow-townsmen, and filling various local offices with tact and ability. The Doctor also comes of good stock on the maternal side, his mother being a Miss O'Hara, of Scipio. His great-grandfather, John O'Hara, was one of the most prominent of the early settlers of Auburn. He came from New England, and owned a large farm where part of the present city now stands. He was an officer of the War of 1812, and a prominent militia man. His son, also named John, was born in the town of Auburn, but for many years was a resident of Scipio. He is still living, and residing at the present time in the town of Fleming.

Charles O. Baker is the son of David A. and Phoebe (O'Hara) Baker, and was born on February 22, 1852, Washington's Birthday,



at Fleming in this county. The early part of his life was spent on the home farm. He received his first scholastic training at the common school, afterward attending the Friends' Academy at Union Springs, proceeding thence to the Cazenovia Seminary and the Syracuse University. When quite young, he decided to enter upon a professional career, choosing the self-sacrificing one of medicine. Realizing that "thoroughness is the stepping-stone to success," he applied himself diligently to his studies, reading with Dr. Gilmore, of Fleming, Dr. Giff, of Cazenovia, and Dr. Mercer, of Syracuse, at the same time taking lectures at the medical department of the University of Syracuse, and graduating from thence in the class of 1873. Immediately after his graduation he went to Seneca Falls, residing there for six months, afterward removing to Fleming, where he was associated with Dr. Samuel Gilmore for a year. From thence he went to Elbridge, Onondaga County, where he remained in active practice until 1882. During his residence at the latter place he occupied the position of President of the village for three years, and was Coroner for five years.

Dr. Baker has been a resident of Auburn since 1882, making a specialty of abdominal surgery, in which he has achieved very gratifying success. He is a member of several of the most prominent medical societies in this country, among them being the Onondaga County Medical Society, Central New York Medical Society, Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, and

the American Medical Association. As a member of the latter he attended the International Congress at Washington in 1887. In 1890 and 1891 he took a trip to Europe, pursuing his studies while there with some of the most prominent European physicians. He also spent some time in viewing the most noted hospitals in England and Germany.

Dr. Baker has held the office of Coroner of this county for six years, and his wide experience and deep learning have gained for him an enviable reputation which is not confined to his own locality alone, but has extended through various States. In religious belief Dr. Baker is a Baptist, being a member of the Second Baptist Church. He is also a prominent member of the Elbridge Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Dr. Baker's family consists of his wife, Jennie M. Baker, daughter of Franklin Sheldon, of Fleming, and two children — Raymond and Alfred.

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**G**EORGE CORNING, JR., a prominent retired merchant of the city of Auburn, is the son of George and Anna (Ferguson) Corning, and was born in St. Louis, Mo., November 22, 1856. Mr. Corning, Sr., was of New England ancestry, his birthplace being at Stepney, Conn., on the farm adjoining the old homestead of Daniel B. Fairweather. On arriving at years of maturity he went to St. Louis, and engaged in the shoe business, afterward moving to Jefferson City, Mo., where he was engaged in prison contract work. Coming to Auburn in 1871, he took a



contract for one hundred men at the Auburn State prison, continuing in that work until prison contract work was abolished, when he started a shoe manufactory in Auburn under the firm name of George Corning & Sons, giving employment to seventy-five people. It was one of the first in the city, and the only one then in operation. Upon the retirement of Mr. Corning, Sr., from active business, eight years later, his place in the firm was taken by his son, George Corning, Jr., the subject of this biographical mention. The father died at his home in Auburn.

George Corning, Jr., received his early education at the Missouri State College at Mexico, Mo., after which he went to a college at Poughkeepsie, preparatory to entering West Point, receiving his appointment to the Military Academy from B. Gratz Brown, Governor of Missouri; but, being in ill-health at the time, he did not take advantage of it, and returned to Jefferson City, where he learned the practical part of the shoe business under his father, remaining in his employment until the removal to Auburn, when he was taken into the firm, which then comprised George Corning, Sr., Erastus, and George, Jr.

Mr. Corning married Miss. Cora N. Tremaine, a daughter of E. L. Tremaine, of one of the oldest and most respected families in Auburn, two children being the fruit of the union; namely, Phema Louise and Philip Erastus. Mr. Corning is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, and in religious belief is an Episcopalian, the family being members and supporters of St. Peter's

Church. Mr. Corning has always been a staunch Republican, but has never in any sense of the word been an office-seeker. Mr. Corning continued engaged in the shoe trade and manufacture till 1891. He has always been a thorough business man, keen and practical; and whatever undertakings he has entered into have been conducted to a successful termination. He has never been prominent in politics, but has ever lived up to and upheld his party, endeavoring to do his duty as a good and patriotic citizen. As above mentioned, he is now living retired from active business.

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JAMES BRAY was born in what is now Springport, N.Y., January 15, 1815, son of Andrew and Mary (Yawger) Bray. His father was the son of James Bray, who was a General in the Continental army. Andrew moved from Trenton to Springport in 1809, remaining there until 1817, when he went to Richmond, Ontario County, and engaged in farming, dying there aged eighty-five years. His wife was born in New Jersey in 1790, a daughter of Philip Yawger. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom lived to maturity, namely: Andrew, born in 1808, who was a farmer in Ontario County; Sally, who was married to James Tubbs, and died in Oakland County, Michigan; Rebecca, who married William Tubbs, and died at Richmond, Ontario County, N.Y.; Mary Ann, who married William Abby, and moved to Macomb County, Michigan; Aaron, born in Springport, who moved to Ontario County,



and is still living, aged eighty-five; Daniel, who lives in Macomb County, Michigan; Philip, now deceased; Fanny, wife of Daniel Hughitt, who died in Richmond. Mrs. Bray died in November, 1849.

The family on the mother's side is of German origin, Philip Yawger having come from Germany at quite an early date. He was one of the minute-men during the Revolutionary War. He came with his family to Oswego, where he remained one year, and in 1801 came to Springport, settling north of the village and just outside of the present corporation line. He purchased quite a large tract of land, and was the first man to discover and open up the plaster or gypsum quarries, which were found by ploughing down to the rock. The quarries on his farm ran down to Cayuga Lake, and gave him a good opportunity for shipping by boat. He had at the time of the War of 1812 thirty schooners, which were impressed and taken to Sackett's Harbor at the time the American army expected to invade Canada, and were to be used for the transportation of troops and supplies. He received pay for them on account of the stoppage of his business, he having a large amount of contract work on hand, which gave employment to a large number of men. He died about 1832, and aged about seventy-five, leaving the following family: John, Peter, Henry, William, Daniel, Mary, and Catherine.

James Bray, son of Andrew and Mary, moved with his family to the town of Richmond, and there received his schooling. He engaged in farming for himself, buying a

farm of some two hundred acres, afterward adding to it until he had a farm of four hundred acres, one of the largest in the district. He remained at Richmond until 1874, when he sold out and came to Union Springs, where he purchased a farm of fifty-five acres, inside the limits of the village. He was at one time largely interested in bee culture, having upward of one hundred swarms, of which he made a great success, in one instance getting one hundred and sixty dollars' worth of honey and eight new swarms from four swarms in one season. He has recently retired from active work, his son taking charge of the farm. He was married on January 1, 1853, to Miss Sally Ann Yawger, who was born in 1828, a daughter of Daniel Yawger. Two children were born to them, of whom but one lives, Daniel Y. Mrs. Bray died May 3, 1887. Mr. Bray has given all his attention to his agricultural pursuits, and has had no time to accept public office other than that of Highway Commissioner, which he held in Ontario County. He is an exceedingly intelligent man of broad and enlightened views.

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**L**EROY CARL has made his name well known in Auburn and among mechanics in all parts of the country through his earnest and energetic work for the Carpenters' Union; and at his shop, No. 41 Market Street, a laboring man in distress is sure to find encouragement and help. Mr. Carl was born in the town of Montezuma, Cayuga County, N.Y., July 4, 1854, and was



the elder of the two sons of William H. and Hannah F. (Morgan) Carl. The father was born in Montezuma; and with the exception of two years in Wisconsin he spent all his life in his native place, following the trade of carpenter, and contracting and building largely. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen Lodges, and of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Cayuga County, August 4, 1826, and was the daughter of Nicholas Morgan, who was one of the oldest settlers of this vicinity, having come from New England to this part of the State while it was yet a wilderness, and while Indian wigwams were not an uncommon sight. Here he cleared a tract of land, and, making friends with the Indians, settled his family in a peaceful home. Azel Carl, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a blacksmith by trade, and an early settler in this county. He died at the early age of forty-five.

Since the death of William H. Carl, on March 8, 1876, Le Roy and his brother, Ellsworth E. Carl, have cared tenderly for their widowed mother, who is still living. Le Roy attended the public schools of this town, and received his first ideas of trade from his father, after which he worked for others until he felt perfectly competent to undertake anything in the line of building. For six years he was with a church builder, and assisted in putting up some of the most imposing structures of that class in this and the surrounding counties. In the spring of 1887 he came to

this city, and for the next six years worked for J. C. Stout, being foreman for him on large contracts, among which were Bowles Opera House, and McIntosh & Seymour's Works. Mr. Carl started in business in January, 1893, with Edwin Craven; and they are extensively engaged in contracting and building.

Mrs. Carl, who was Sarah Helen Clark, was born at Montezuma, March 8, 1858, and was the daughter of Levi and Alida Clark, her father being a prominent business man in that place. They were married October 23, 1875; and two children have blessed the union, only one of whom, Alida F., is living. The family in all its branches are both by tradition and conviction members of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Mr. Carl and his wife are no exception, being members of the Wall Street Church, in which they are both prominent. Mr. Carl is class leader, local preacher, and teacher of the young ladies' Bible class.

Mr. Carl was one of the founders of the Carpenters' Union, and attended the General Convention at Chicago in 1890, and at St. Louis in 1892. As a general delegate from the Carpenters' Brotherhood, he was sent to the American Federation of Labor in Philadelphia in December, 1892, and in Chicago in 1893. To his energy and influence is due much of the success of the Carpenters' Union. He is always ready to spare from his arduous business duties time to help a fellow-man in need; and, whether engaged in church work or the advancement of the labor interests of his trade, he puts his heart and soul into his work, leaving self as much as possible in the



background, and trying to do the right, which will in the end amount to the greatest good for all.

JACOB WHITE is a man of whom all sorts of good things might be said.

Like his brother David, he is not only prominent in Spring Lake, but very highly esteemed, both these gentlemen having exerted a powerful influence in the development of the village of Spring Lake, in the town of Conquest; but, while David is a merchant, Jacob is a farmer and blacksmith. He was born in Nassau, Rensselaer County, November 11, 1826.

The particulars of descent, though given at some length in the sketch of David White, elsewhere in this volume, may be partially repeated here. Jacob White was named for his father, who was born in Mansfield, Mass., but early went to Walpole to work, whence he was drafted into service for the War of 1812. An old farm house, it may be mentioned, still standing in Mansfield in a good state of preservation, was the home of the Rev. Nicholas White, considerably more than one hundred and fifty years ago. Having learned the trade of hoe-maker, the elder Jacob worked thereat three or four years near home, and then removed to Nassau, where he bought land, built a hoe factory, and continued to live for some forty years, dying aged eighty-four. His wife, Prissa Lewis, was the daughter of Mr. Lewis, of Walpole, near Mansfield, and they had eleven children: Lewis, named for his mother's family; Sally; Prissa, named for her mother; Miranda; Philip; Jacob, the

subject of the present sketch; William; Charles; Martha; Mary Jane; David, elsewhere chronicled in this volume. Their mother died at ninety-three, in the homestead where she had lived half a century, and which she had helped her husband to acquire.

Jacob stayed in Nassau till he was twenty-seven, attending the district and select schools, and assisting his father in the factory. He came to the Conquest region in 1852, before Spring Lake had become a village, and when the inhabitants had not yet brought their farms into an advanced stage of cultivation. He worked by the month for a year or so at farming, and then went to blacksmithing by the day with a Mr. Palmer, with whom he then formed a partnership. At the end of two years he built a shop of his own, especially for horseshoeing. Later still he bought his present shop, and devoted himself especially to wagon work, in which he has now been over thirty years engaged.

He married in 1846, at the early age of twenty, Abigail Warden, daughter of Heran and Hannah (Culver) Warden, of Stephentown, adjoining Nassau. Out of five children Jacob and Abigail have lost three. Of the two living Sarah L. is the wife of Walter Blass, and has three children — Lewis J., Gertie, Floyd. The son, Wilson, married Minnie Fowler, of Butler, by whom he has one child, Charles Fowler. In politics formerly a Whig, but later a Republican, Jacob White has been Tax Collector and Overseer of the Poor. His wife and daughter are members of the Methodist church, in



which for a quarter of a century he has been a class leader and otherwise active in Christian work. Such men and women are the sinews of their country's prosperity.

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**T**HOMAS HOYLE, of Auburn, N.Y., Superintendent of Charities, is well known throughout the city for his many and various interests in public affairs, and especially in connection with his office, to which he was appointed on May 9, 1892. Mr. Hoyle was born in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, October 27, 1853, son of James and Frances (Rhodes) Hoyle, both of whom were born in Yorkshire, England, where the ancestral home may still be seen. Soon after his marriage to Frances Rhodes, James Hoyle emigrated from the land of his birth, and with his young wife crossed the Atlantic to Canada. This was in 1854; and here for two years he followed his trade of millwright, moving thence to Brattleboro, Vt. After two years in that place he returned to Canada, and, settling in Oshawa, took charge of a woollen-mill. On October 30, 1853, the father was caught in the water-wheel and killed. The young wife thus found herself a widow in a foreign land, and with four sons, Thomas, the youngest, being but three days old. In a few years, following the example of so many Canadians, she removed to the States, where it was thought her sons would find it easier to advance than in a small town at the North. So between 1864 and 1868 the family were living in Waterloo, Seneca County, N.Y. Afterward they were

in Skaneateles, and in 1869 came to Auburn, where the mother and youngest son still reside. The eldest son, James, is now a contractor in Cleveland, Ohio. John is in Connecticut, and George H. in South Dakota.

Thomas Hoyle was educated in the public schools of Waterloo and Skaneateles, and in a select school in Auburn. In 1871 he was engaged in the news room on North Street, with W. H. Zepp, and from that went into a machine shop and learned the business thoroughly, working at each department for some time, until he had a general and detailed knowledge of his work. He then engaged as contractor in the rake department of the D. M. Osborne Mower and Reaper Works, and remained with them until his appointment to his present office. Mr. Hoyle has been twice elected Alderman, first in 1888 and again in 1890, always on the Republican ticket. He was Chairman of the Committee on City Buildings and the Committee on Fire Department, also a member of the Committee on Drains and Sewers. He now gives all his time to charitable work, filling the position of Superintendent and Chairman of the Board of Charities. In the State convention which nominated Davenport for Governor Mr. Hoyle was a delegate, and he has been a member of both County and City Central Committees. He is a member of the Ensenore Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all the offices of which he has passed through.

Mr. Hoyle was married on January 23, 1888, to Miss Wallace, daughter of Robert Wallace, who came to Auburn about 1840,



and is one of the oldest contractors and builders of this city. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle — Robert J., Thomas H., and Anna. Mrs. Hoyle is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, which her husband also attends and supports. Although occupying a position in which one is always sure to be severely criticised, and which requires much patience, insight, and discretion, Mr. Hoyle's services tend to show that he is one man in a thousand who could fill such a position with the highest appreciation of his fellow-citizens.

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**J**OHAN E. CROPSEY, attorney and counsellor-at-law, of Moravia, N.Y., was born at Marlboro on the Hudson, N.Y., December 2, 1826, and is the son of Andrew and Phœbe (Merritt) Cropsey. The American branch of the family descended from three brothers, Henri, Jasper, and Andrew, who came from Holland, and settled at Long Island. Andrew, the father of John E. Cropsey, was a farmer at Marlboro, and about the year 1829 moved to Locke, in this county, where he made his home until his death in 1861. He was highly respected, and held various town offices. He was a founder and member of the Methodist Episcopal church there, which he helped to build, as well as the Baptist church. Mrs. Cropsey was also born at Marlboro, and was a daughter of Josiah Merritt, a well-known farmer and Justice of the Peace, his family originally coming from England. Mrs. Cropsey was the

mother of thirteen children, of whom all but two settled in this county. She departed this life in March, 1871.

John E. Cropsey was educated at the common schools in Locke and at the Cortland Academy. Reaching manhood, he was engaged in cabinet work for some years; but, his health failing, he read law with Orlando White, of Locke, and was admitted to the bar by examination at the general term of court at Ithaca. In 1859 he went to Michigan, practising one year at Hastings, and then returned to Locke, where he practised until 1875, afterward coming to Moravia, finding here was a larger field for his talents. While at Locke he was a Justice of the Peace for sixteen years, he was also Superintendent of Schools and Supervisor in 1863-64. He was a Republican, and took an active part in the politics of the town and county, being a delegate to the different conventions. In 1873 he joined the Democratic party.

Mr. Cropsey was married March 10, 1861, to Miss Jane White, of Locke; and they had one son. Mrs. Cropsey died on January 1, 1875. Mr. Cropsey has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1850. By his talents and application he has attained a leading position at the bar, and is well known as an exceedingly bright and capable lawyer.

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**J**OHAN T. BLAKLEY, a prominent business man of Auburn, N.Y., was born in this city on July 27, 1844, son of Robert and Marian (Thompson) Blakley.



His father came to America from Paisley, Scotland, the old family home, in 1810, having been employed in the shawl manufactories there, though he was only a young man when he came to this country. His mother was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country about the same time that his father did. They were married here, and the father lived in Auburn up to his death in 1884. The mother is still living here, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

John T. Blakley was educated in the schools of Auburn, and shortly afterward found employment with the firm of Dodge, Stevens & Co., with whom he remained until about 1873, when, in company with a Mr. Hay, he bought out a grocery and produce business, which they carried on for a short time under the firm name of Hay & Blakley. He then became general manager in the grocery of Mathew Gibbs, at the corner of North and Chapel Streets, where he has since been actively engaged. Mr. Blakley's enterprise has also established the business of the Blakley Wafer Manufacturing Company. This concern began the baking of the Empire Ginger wafers in a common cook-stove, from which humble beginning they have in four years expanded to the present large business, owning a bakery which is equipped with all the modern appliances in this line, and giving employment to ten men. The superiority of the wafers which they manufacture, one hundred and sixty to the pound, makes it easy to dispose of their product, orders coming to them by mail and telegraph from all over the country.

There is every prospect that this business will continue to increase from year to year.

On September 27, 1866, Mr. Blakley was married to Miss Mary Harkness, of Auburn, daughter of Richard and Anna Harkness. Four children have been born to them, three sons and a daughter — Charles E., Marian A., Lewis, and John Irving. Mr. and Mrs. Blakley are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Blakley is a Mason, a member of the Auburn Lodge of A. F. & A. M. He is a man of upright life and of many sterling virtues. He is a sagacious and pushing business man, and a highly esteemed citizen. He has recently purchased a fine double three-story brick store-building at the corner of North and Chapel Streets, and has also built a fine bakery at No. 2 Park Avenue.

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REV. MICHAEL PRINDLE is one of the best-known Methodist pastors in this section, and is especially respected for the education and position he has won for himself. He was born on December 18, 1815, in Wales, Onondaga County, N.Y., where his father, Elihu Prindle, was at one time an inn-keeper. Elihu Prindle was in his latter years a hotel proprietor in Manlius, where he lived until his death; but he was born elsewhere. His wife was Olive Terrell, from Connecticut; and the subject of this biography was the youngest of their nine children — Fanny, Sophia, Jessie, Mercy, Elias, Eliza, Minerva, Leroy, Michael. The last years of Mrs. Olive T. Prindle



were spent in Onondaga County, where she died, aged seventy-six.

At the time of his father's death Michael was only eight years old. He continued to live with his widowed mother till he was fifteen, meanwhile attending the district school, where he did his very best to gain a good education. Then he went away to learn blacksmithing, but very soon began seriously to study the Bible as the source of the religious life in his soul. Presently he began to prepare himself for preaching, a gift he first exercised at the age of twenty-one, in the neighborhood where he was well known, and his ambition respected. The next year he began to preach the gospel from place to place, though he also worked at his trade until his appointment as a regular circuit-rider with a definite field of labor, which involved extensive travel throughout Onondaga, Cortland, and the adjacent counties. After long years of such unselfish, useful, and arduous labor, he decided to make Conquest his permanent home, and of late has only gone out to supply vacant pulpits, attend funerals, or conduct some other special service.

In 1840, at the age of twenty-five, he married Sarah Chase, daughter of Perry Chase, of Otsego County. They had six children, of whom three are still living, as follows: Cassius M. married Lenia Bull, of Wayne County, and is the father of one child, Dora; Perry H., a lawyer in Cleveland, named for his maternal grandfather, is married, and is the father of two children; Charles married

Sarah DeWray, and is the father of one child, Bertie Georgie. Mrs. Sarah (Chase) Prindle died in Victory, after fifteen years of wedlock; and Mr Prindle married for his second wife Rebecca Wilson, who died in 1860. He then married a third wife, Esther Thurston, by whom he had one child, Ira, now grown to manhood, a conductor on the New York Central Railroad, and married to Mary Hall, of Syracuse. It is not easy to overvalue the service to mankind of such clergymen as the Rev. Mr. Prindle—men who devote themselves to the spiritual welfare of their fellow-men, who go forth with scarcely more than scrip and staff to aid in bringing in the divine kingdom.

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**R**OVELL T. RICHARDSON, a resident of Auburn since 1868, was born in Belmont, Me., June 27, 1820, being the son of Thomas L. and Cynthia (Lakin) Richardson.

The paternal ancestors of Mr. Richardson were natives of the State of Connecticut and prominent citizens of Wethersfield, the grandfather being the leading physician of the town.

At the time of the War of 1812 Thomas L. Richardson left his home in Connecticut, being but twenty years old, and served his country faithfully for two years. He had been brought up amid the excitement of the Revolution, and all his young days he had heard the great men of that historic time discuss the merits of those measures which made the nation and formed the foundation of the



federal government. So, when the call came to defend the rights of that nation, he willingly gave two years of his life to her cause. At the close of the war, Mr. Richardson settled in Belmont, Me., and afterward removed to other places in that State, following the trade of blacksmith. He was married to Cynthia Lakin, of Maine; and they had twelve children, all of whom lived to maturity, Lovell T. being the third child. After some years they removed to Troy, N.Y., where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Lovell T. Richardson was educated in Carthage, Me., and when but nineteen years old removed to Fitchburg, Mass., where he remained about a year, and then went to Ballston, N.Y., and learned the trade of scythe-making, working at that and tool-making for some sixteen years, not only in that town but also in Clayville, remaining there until 1868, when he came to Auburn. Here for five years he was in the Fuller Works, and afterward was with the firm of Fish & Shibley, of Philadelphia, and also with the Wadsworth Company. He now represents the Mosley Folding Bath Tub, for which he is the general agent for this locality.

Mrs. Richardson was Lucy J. Litchfield, of Fitchburg, Mass., where she was married to Mr. Richardson, October 20, 1841. They have two children — Elmira J., wife of Hosea Richardson, of this city, and Frank W., of Cheltenham, Pa. Mr. Richardson is a member of the First Congregational Church of Auburn, and is well known as a staunch Prohibitionist, although formerly voting with

the Republican party. He is a firm supporter of right principles; and, where a helping hand is needed to assist in any good work, Mr. Richardson is always ready.

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FRANK MILLS PARSONS has been in active practice at the Cayuga County bar since 1871, and is now Deputy Attorney-general of the State of New York, though his home is in Weedsport. His birthplace was in Onondaga County, in the town of Camillus; and his birthday was August 19, 1848. His parents were David Henry and Emeline (Mills) Parsons. The father, David H. Parsons, was a farmer, born in Dutchess County; and he was the son of Joshua Parsons, who came from Scotland when a young man, married Betsey Simonds, a woman of German extraction, and settled in Dutchess County, where he bought a farm.

David H. Parsons attended the Monson Collegiate Institute at Elbridge, near his home; but in 1849, after his marriage and the birth of his son, Frank Mills, the whole family removed to Granby, in Oswego County, at a time when that county was a wilderness. There Joshua and David both bought farms, which had to be reclaimed from the wilderness. While there Joshua Parsons was a Supervisor; and both father and son, as well as their wives, were prominent in the Methodist church. Some seventeen years of this life sufficed to make them glad to return to Camillus in 1866. Here their religious efforts continued, and here the elder gentleman died;



but David H. Parsons still lives, and has a home in Weedsport, near his son Frank. Both David and Joshua Parsons became Republicans on the organization of that party, while they lived in Granby; and still earlier, when those opinions cost a man something to hold them, Grandfather Joshua was one of the first two Abolitionists in Camillus. Even when anti-slavery was becoming popular, however, the Messrs. Parsons were not desirous of holding offices, their political opinions ensuing from conviction, not from a desire for preferment. David Parsons's wife, Emeline Mills, was born in the town of Coeymans, Albany County, the daughter of Samuel and Phœbe Mills. Her grandfather, another Samuel Mills, was a Revolutionary soldier. After receiving her education in the schools of Lima and Cazenovia, Emeline Mills taught for several years prior to her marriage; and she is still an active woman. They have had a family of four children. Phœbe Parsons was named for her grandmother Mills, and married John Hayden, of Port Byron. William Samuel Parsons, named for his grandfather and great-grandfather Mills, emigrated to Oklahoma. Mary Emeline Parsons, named for her mother, is the wife of George Green, of Weedsport.

The youngest of the children, Frank Mills Parsons, received his mother's family name. After studying at the common schools, he went to Baldwinsville Academy, and there obtained the rest of his education by his own private exertions, working his way along, with some outside assistance, by teaching school in the

counties of Cayuga and Onondaga, besides working for a time in a store. While still a schoolmaster, he began reading law with William B. Mills, of Weedsport. In 1871, at the age of twenty-three, he was examined for the bar, and admitted thereto at the general term of court held in Rochester. Forthwith opening an office as attorney in Weedsport, he rose rapidly in his profession, till he became the leading lawyer in the northern part of Cayuga County, and the owner of one of the largest libraries in the district. In 1879 he was elected Special County Judge on the Republican ticket, and retained the place for three years. In 1886 and 1887 he was elected and re-elected to the General Assembly, where he was the first year appointed Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and the second year was a member of the Committee on Internal Affairs. He has also been a Justice of Peace, and has acted as Town Clerk for the town of Brutus. At New Year's time he was appointed first confidential clerk to the Attorney-general of the State, a position which it may be readily surmised, compels him to spend most of his time at the capital. From this fact it would be naturally inferred that Mr. Parsons is a strong Republican politician; and so he is, being a member of the county party committee, and serving as delegate to different conventions, especially to the National Convention of Republican clubs. Indeed, he was the organizer and first President of the Republican club in Brutus. He was Attorney for the West Shore Railway, while the road



was in process of construction; and he rendered the company valuable service in the purchase of its land. In the social line he is a member of the Weedsport Lodges of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

On November 16, 1871, Judge Parsons married Hattie Ellen Bibbens, of Brutus, daughter of John W. Bibbens; and they have three children — Minnie Louise, Frederick Joshua, and Eva Hattie Parsons. The family belong to the Methodist church, as did Judge Parsons's forefathers. The Judge is a Trustee of the Methodist society; and, when his duties enabled him to be more in town, he was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

"The people of this country have shown, by the highest proofs human nature can give, that, wherever the path of duty and honor may lead, however steep and rugged it may be, they are ready to walk in it."

Such men as Joshua, David, and Frank Parsons are "living epistles, known and read of all men," and illustrations of the above quotation from the martyred President, James A. Garfield.

**J**OHN W. O'BRIEN. The legal profession and the town of Auburn are to be congratulated upon having in their midst a gentleman of so cultivated a mind and far-seeing legal acumen as the subject of this sketch, John W. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien is the son of Patrick and Rachel (Lemon) O'Brien, whose parents came to this country from Ireland in 1840, settling at Auburn, where their son, John W., was born, October

13, 1853. Mr. O'Brien's father was employed in the railroad business for many years, holding a responsible position with the company until a short time before his death.

The subject of this mention received his early education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school in the class of 1869. He afterward prepared for college, and took his degree of A.B. in 1873. Upon leaving college, he taught school for three years, holding the responsible position of Principal of the Griffith Institute of Springville, N.Y., two years, and, retiring from that, was Instructor in Mathematics and Ancient History in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute for one year. His natural inclination was toward the legal profession; and he entered the Columbia College Law School, graduating in the class of 1878, receiving the degree of LL.B. from Columbia, and of M.A. from Hamilton College. In the same year he was admitted to the bar, and immediately proceeded West, stopping at Denver, Col.

After staying in Denver for a few months, he went to Leadville, remaining in that city two years and a half, practising law and engaging in mining. During his stay in the latter city he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Lake County, in which Leadville is situated. Returning to Denver, he practised law there for about two years, after which he returned to his native place, to engage in a law partnership with the Hon. S. E. Payne. On the latter's election to Congress, Mr. O'Brien had entire charge of the law business of the firm during Mr. Payne's absence.



Mr. O'Brien's talents have been duly recognized and appreciated by his native city, he having occupied the position of City Attorney for two terms. He is now serving his third term as a member of the Board of Education, and was President of the Board in 1886-87 and 1893-94.

Mr. O'Brien was an early believer in and is a firm adherent of the Republican party, being a prominent and indefatigable worker in its ranks, and having served several terms as an official of the Republican City Committee. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and is a member and supporter of the First Baptist Church of Auburn.

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ANDREW JOSEPH MILLS, of the town of Conquest, is a noble specimen of the American agriculturist. He is active in educational affairs, and is generous to a fault. The stranger is always sure of a warm welcome within his gates, for in every good impulse he is ably seconded by his mother and wife. The family are Methodists, and Mr. Mills is a Republican. His grandfather, Abraham Mills, a native of Rensselaer County, became one of the earliest pioneers in Cato, where he bought a forest tract, and put up a log house, and developed a farm.

Abraham's son John was born in Rensselaer County, before the removal of the family to Cayuga County, where he grew to manhood. He remained on the Cato farm till his marriage to Juliet Wildey, the only daughter of

Joseph Wildey, and then went to work for his father-in-law in Cato, whither the Wildeys had removed from Ulster County. Joseph Wildey cleared the farm land, where he lived till his death, at the ripe age of eighty-five, his wife living till eighty-two, both faithful members of the Methodist church for over half a century. On this Wildey farm John Mills also continued until his death, at the age of sixty-nine, in 1888. His widow married Peter Laight, of the same town, and he also came there to live, so that during all these years she occupied the very house where she was born; but after her second husband's death, in September, 1893, she left Cato, and made her home with her son Andrew, where, though having reached her threescore and ten, she is a wellspring of joy in the household, her steps being quick, firm, elastic, her mind so clear that she is consulted by her son and his wife upon every subject, and her intellect so active that she is uneasy unless she has papers and books to read.

This son Andrew was born on the Cato farm, May 15, 1844, where he had the usual experiences and training of a farmer's boy. At twenty-five, in 1869, he married and bought a Conquest farm, which he carried on for fifteen years, till 1884, and then sold. For three years he worked another farm in Conquest, and then removed to Mentz, where he did the same three years longer. In 1890 he came to his present farm. His wife, Frank S. Collins, was the daughter of Philo and Eliza Collins, who came from Oneida County. Of such families come the stalwart



citizens of the Empire State. Reared on such manhood and womanhood, the national foundations are secure. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are members of the Methodist Protestant church.

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**R**OBERT J. CARSON, City Clerk of Auburn, N.Y., was born at Newburg, N.Y., January 28, 1855, son of James and Margaret (Topping) Carson. The father, who was a native of Ireland, and a blacksmith by trade, came to this country when a young man, and settled at Newburg. He afterward lived successively in Glenham, N.Y., and Keokuk, Iowa, whence he returned to Newburg, from which place he came to Auburn two years after the close of the war. James Carson departed this life in 1885, Mrs. Carson surviving him for seven years.

Robert J. Carson received his education at the schools of Auburn. In 1873 he obtained a position in the post-office as office boy. He remained in the postal service for thirteen years, during that time filling every office with the exception of that of Postmaster, being Deputy Postmaster under Noah P. Clark, also serving under Richardson, Clark, and Woodruff, being removed from his position on the change of administration from Republican to Democratic. In 1886 he accepted a position as book-keeper with Wills & Home, carriage manufacturers. He was afterward appointed to a position in the County Clerk's office, where he served under County Clerk Wilson as Recording Clerk, holding that position for two years. He was nomi-

nated by the Republicans for City Clerk, and was elected in March, 1889, and is now serving his third consecutive term of two years each, he being the only Republican elected on the city Republican ticket in 1892.

Mr. Carson is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, in which body he has held all the chairs, and acted as Secretary for five years. He has also held numerous positions in the order of Odd Fellows, but is not now active with that society. Mr. Carson is also Clerk of the Civil Service Board. Mr. Carson was united in marriage on June 10, 1880, to Miss Genevieve V. Jones, of Fulton, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Carson are supporters of St. Peter's Church (Episcopal). Mr. Carson has by strict attention to his duties worked his way from office boy to the honorable position which he now so ably fills.

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**A**NDREW S. CUMMINGS, M.D., who died at his residence in the village of Cayuga in 1876, was for many years a prominent physician of Aurelius, holding high rank among the medical fraternity of Cayuga County, where he had a more than local reputation as an able and skilled practitioner. He was a native of New York, born in Ontario County, being a son of Lyman Cummings, of Naples.

Lyman Cummings settled in Naples when a young man, and there followed the carpenter's trade for many years. Subsequently, investing part of his money in a farm, he engaged in mixed husbandry, passing his last years on



his homestead. He married Martha Wadkins, who survived him several years, and died in Canandaigua.

Andrew received his early education in the public schools of Ontario County, and then studied medicine under Dr. Cheney, a physician of repute in Ontario County. He afterward attended lectures at the Geneva Medical College, from which he was graduated. After receiving his diploma, Dr. Cummings began the practice of his profession in the town of Naples, where he remained several years, engaged in active practice, acquiring valuable experience, and establishing an enviable reputation. Coming then to the village of Cayuga, the Doctor here met with excellent success in his work, his thorough knowledge of his profession and his skill in the treatment of diseases being widely recognized, and bringing him an extensive range of practice. Dr. Cummings remained in Cayuga, being one of its most valued residents, until the time of his death, in 1876, being then one of the oldest practitioners in this part of the county.

The Doctor married Martha Arnold, daughter of Garrett and Lucy Arnold; and of their happy union two children were born — namely, Isabella and Frank. The latter, who is a representative merchant and manufacturer of Aurelius, married Jennie Richards, of England. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican, being, as his father was, a staunch supporter of the principles of that party. Religiously, Dr. Cummings was an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church, and contributed liberally toward its support.

**P**HEBE S. TOMPKINS, who is passing the sunset of life on the homestead wherein she first opened her eyes to the brightness and beauty of this world on January 2, 1818, is a woman of intelligence and resolution, and is respected throughout the community for her many excellent traits of character. She is of New England ancestry, and the descendant of a well-known pioneer of Cayuga County, her grandparents, Reuben and Theresa Ingram, having moved from the Green Mountain State, the place of their nativity, to the Empire State, bringing with them their entire family, which consisted of four daughters and one son. Taking up one hundred acres of land, which was covered with heavy timber, they cleared a goodly portion of it, and, erecting a frame house, here spent the remainder of their days.

Jonathan Ingram, the father of Mrs. Tompkins, was the only son of Reuben and Theresa. He was born in the State of Vermont, and completed his school life in its district schools. Coming to Springport with his parents, he was an able assistant in the pioneer labor of clearing the land, and became thoroughly versed in the art of agriculture as carried on in those days. After the death of his father he became the owner of the old homestead, and here brought his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Robinson, she being a daughter of Philip and Mary Robinson, and a sister of the well-known Dr. Robinson, for many years a leading physician of Auburn. To Mr. and Mrs. Ingram were born eight



children — Reuben, J. Perry, Philip R., Phebe S., Moore, Ezra, Horatio, and J. Norman. In the latter part of his life Mr. Ingram, finding that his health was failing, visited Rhode Island, hoping to receive benefit from the change, but died while there. His wife survived him a few years.

Mrs. Tompkins received excellent educational advantages, attending the district schools of her native town, and was for one season a pupil in a select school in Potter. Having been born in the early part of the present century, she has a vivid recollection of many of the incidents of pioneer life, remembering well when her good mother spun, wove, and made the clothing for her family, when all articles of food were raised on the farm or found in the forest, when oxen were used in ploughing and breaking the land, and in transporting the grain to market, when grain was reaped and the grass mowed with the sickle and scythe, when all food was cooked before the open fire, and the only lights were tallow dips or pine knots. She received a practical training in the domestic arts, remaining at home until her marriage with William Tompkins, who was a son of Chauncey Tompkins. He was a carriage-maker by trade, and carried on a thriving business in the town of Dryden, where she lived several years after her marriage. Her mother being in feeble health, Mrs. Tompkins was obliged to return to her former home, while her husband remained in Dryden to attend to his increasing business there, also having business in Ithaca and Elmira

that needed his attention. On the breaking out of the late Civil War he enlisted and served as a gallant soldier throughout the entire war. At its close, his health being shattered, he entered the Soldiers' Home in Bath, where he died.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins two children were born, Chester and Horatio, neither of whom is now living. Chester, who was a blacksmith by trade, received injuries on the railway that caused his death. He married Mary Polhamus, and they had one child, Nellie. Horatio was a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Tompkins takes a deep interest in the welfare and progress of the community, where so many years of her life have been passed. She is independent in her religious views, belonging to no organization, although her father and grandfather were members of the Presbyterian church, and her mother was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

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**S**TEPHEN W. CHURCH is an enterprising dealer in hardware, tinware, and groceries at Kelloggsville, Cayuga County, N.Y. His father, James Church, was born in Dutchess County, and removed from there in 1816, making the journey overland with teams and over roads which were nothing more than paths through the forest. He settled in Sempronius, now Moravia, a short distance from Kelloggsville, and there bought fifty acres of timber-land, built a log house for his family, and made a clearing. After ten years here he aspired to



a more extended tract, and, after selling his fifty-acre farm, bought two others, one of one hundred acres and one of five acres. On the smaller of these he built his new log house, after a few years replacing it by a frame structure, and, having met with good success, at length built a frame house on his hundred-acre tract. Selling this farm to advantage, he bought two fifty-acre lots on the northern line of Moravia, and here spent the remainder of his life. His wife was Deborah Wood, daughter of Stephen Wood, of New York. She was the mother of five children: Stephen; Allen; Eliza; Philetus and Fidelia, twins.

Stephen W. Church was born in Moravia, January 21, 1818, two years after the family had settled in this county. He was educated in the district school, and at the early age of sixteen turned his attention to trade. For three years he was with the firm of Hallen & Beldin, learning carpentering, and then went to Auburn, where he was employed by Thomas Nelson for a year and a half, returning to Moravia at the end of that time, and working at his trade there until 1859. He then bought a farm near that of his father, and for two years carried it on with success; but his inclination led him to rent it and resume his trade. He accordingly moved to Kelloggsville, where he took a contract to build a store for William Gould, and, before it was completed, succeeded in disposing of his farm in exchange for the store. Mr. Church furnished the store with a good line of hardware and tinware, employing a man who understood the business to assist him, and at the end of

the year showed himself perfectly competent to carry it on alone. In 1870 the firm became Church & Austin, Mr. D. K. Austin being taken as partner. This arrangement lasted but two years, at the end of which time Mr. Church again took full control of the business.

Mr. Church married November 27, 1842, Abiah West, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Harris) West, natives of this county. They have two children: Byron, who is a wagon-maker in Kelloggsville, and married Caroline Kenyon; and Mary, who is the wife of William D. Harris, a farmer in Moravia. Mr. and Mrs. Church are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of this place, and in politics Mr. Church is attached to the interests of the Republican party. He is a man of high standing in the community. His store is well stocked with an excellent line of goods, and he carries on an extensive trade. His undertakings have been very successful, and his ability in the several lines in which he has worked has made him a highly valued citizen.

JAMES K. BALDWIN, Superintendent of Streets for the city of Auburn, is a man well known throughout the city, and one who has held various public offices. He was born in Union Springs, Cayuga County, June 18, 1839, the son of Dennison and Sally (Bocker) Baldwin. The old home of the family is at Stonington, Conn., where the Baldwins first settled when they came to this country. The grandfather of Mr. Bald-



win emigrated from his old home in 1796, and purchased land at Brutus, which he cultivated, and where he spent the remainder of his life.

Dennison Baldwin was born in Brutus in 1802, and in his youth learned the trade of ploughwooder, a trade which we seldom hear of nowadays, and which is in fact almost obsolete on account of the many modern inventions and improved farm implements. At this trade he worked at Weedsport, Jackway Four Corners, Union Springs, and Auburn. He died in 1866. His wife was born in West Galway, Montgomery County, May 25, 1803, and was the daughter of Peter Boeker, of old Mohawk Dutch ancestry. She outlived her husband by many years, her death occurring April 24, 1884. Four children survived her: Nancy, wife of Abram White; Harriet, wife of John W. Hulbert, Alderman from the Sixth Ward; James K., the subject of this sketch; and Charles H., who is with the firm of Ohlheiser & Baldwin, dealers in hardware.

James K. Baldwin was educated in the city schools, and then engaged in the grocery business, afterward serving as clerk for a firm selling patent medicines, and later in the same capacity in a shoe store. Having gained experience in these occupations, he was engaged in 1864 as book-keeper for E. P. Fenton & Co., shoe manufacturers at the prison. After nineteen years of faithful work he was made a partner, the firm name being Dunn, Solomon & Co.; and, when the State took control of the work, he was still retained, holding the position of book-keeper

for five years, and acting as manager in the absence of that official. In 1891 he left his work at the prison, and was appointed Superintendent of Charities and Police, which position he held until the opposing political party came into power, when he resigned, and assumed the position of Superintendent of Streets. He has now full control of the streets, giving employment to one hundred and twenty-five men, and from sixteen to twenty teams. It is through his careful supervision that the highways of the city are kept in such good condition; and the improvements in grading and laying out the streets are being carried on with ability and despatch, so that Auburn may vie with any of her neighbors in the appearance of her thoroughfares.

Mr. Baldwin was married March 17, 1864, to Miss Sarah A. Looker, of Martinsburg, Lewis County, N.Y., where she was born November 18, 1838. She was educated in Adams and Auburn. For forty or fifty years her father was a stage-owner, having control of the line from Adams to Copenhagen. Mrs. Baldwin is the mother of two children: James L., at present in the high school; and Anna Catherine. The family attend the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Baldwin has held several public offices besides those already enumerated. He has twice been elected Alderman from the Sixth Ward, first in 1880, and again in 1890. This position he resigned to accept that of Superintendent of Charities. While Alderman, he was Chairman of the Legal Committee, and



was on the Committee on Water-mains and Hydrants, and the Finance and Sewer Committees. He is a member of Cayuga Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Politically, he is a Democrat, and an active worker for the principles of that party, in which he firmly believes. He is greatly respected by all those, whether of his party or opposed to him in politics, who admire stability of character and adherence to principle. He has ever been prominent in the public affairs of the city, and active for the interests of its citizens. By the help of his influence and energy many important measures, which have resulted in much good to his party and the general public, have been carried out; and his ability in the management of affairs has been of valuable assistance in many financial enterprises. His connection with the prison has caused his name to be known far beyond the limit of his own city, and his reputation as a man of affairs brings to him many who wish for counsel or advice.

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**A**BRAM W. BROOKS. Among the moderately prosperous citizens of Cayuga County those who have succeeded through individual effort and economy in acquiring property, both real and personal, the gentleman whose name is placed at the head of this sketch deserves prominent mention. He owns and occupies a fine residence in the village of Loeki, and is at present actively engaged in farming, carrying on a lumber business, besides devoting a portion of his time to the painter's trade, which he

learned when a young man. He is a native of New York, born December 30, 1829, in Tompkins County, the humble log cabin of his parents being the place of his birth. His father, Mark H. Brooks, son of James Brooks, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 22, 1798; and his mother, Betsey (Wood) Brooks, who was a native of Morristown, N.J., was born December 12, 1802. Her parents were Abraham and Mary (Breeze) Wood. Gersham Wood, the father of Abraham, was born in Holland. His son Abraham was a Deacon of the Presbyterian church for thirty years, being an earnest believer in the tenets of his church, and making his practice harmonize with his professions. His wife, Mary Breeze, was of English descent. Mark H. Brooks moved to the town of Lansing, Tompkins County, N.Y., when five years old.

His father, James Brooks, was born in Wales, and married Margaret Neagen, a native of the extreme north of Ireland (which makes the subject of this sketch a mixture of Welsh, Irish, Dutch, and English). He migrated to this State, and located in New Field, Tompkins County, and served in the War of 1812, and became one of its earliest settlers. He reclaimed a large tract of land from the wilderness, and on the homestead which he improved he and his worthy wife lived long and useful lives. He became the head of a family of seven children, all of whom have joined the silent majority on the other side of the river death. In religion the family were Quakers.



Mark H. Brooks spent the major portion of his life in Tompkins County, and in his earlier years turned his attention to farming. He also engaged in stock-growing, and afterward carried on a thriving business as a cattle-drover. Philadelphia was the nearest cattle market; and his journeys to and fro, with his large droves of stock, were made on foot. He was a very enterprising and successful business man, and one of the representative farmers of his day, his large farm being one of the most valuable in his locality. During the panic of 1837, when so many of the leading business men of this State succumbed to the reverses of fortune, he lost his entire property. He, however, continued an honored resident of that county until his death, which occurred in September, 1830. He was a Captain in the State militia, and politically was a member of the Whig party. He was a sincere and conscientious Christian man, and a faithful worker in the Presbyterian church, of which both he and his wife were valued members. He reared eight children, of whom we record the following: Maria L., the wife of Clinton Brown, lives in Arkansas. Samuel, a lawyer, died in Corry, Pa., in 1889. Mary, the wife of John Edsall, resides in Ohio. Abram W. is our subject. Margaret, the wife of Thomas McElroy, lives in Binghamton, N.Y. J. Calvin resides in Michigan. Mark Hargin lives in Butler, Pa. Marcus H., a prominent lawyer, resides in Michigan, town of Hart, Oceana County.

Abram W. Brooks was a young lad when his father met with such heavy financial losses

that the family exchequer was very much reduced; and he was consequently obliged to forego the educational advantages given to the older members of the parental household, and at the age of fourteen years began to earn his own living. As a farm laborer he received four dollars a month for his first work, but, being an energetic and industrious youth, faithful to all trusts reposed in him, soon secured higher wages, and continued thus to work for about five years. By prudence and economy he had then saved enough money to take him through Groton Academy, where he completed his education. Having fitted himself for a professional career, Mr. Brooks spent the succeeding twelve or fifteen years as a teacher in the public schools of New York and Pennsylvania, and during the vacations devoted his time to learning the painter's and glazier's trade, in which he became very proficient. He became a resident of Locke when quite a young man, and has since made this his permanent home. He has had a fair share of prosperity in all of his undertakings, and is the owner of a beautiful residence, which he built in 1872, and has some timber-land, besides other property. That he has made life a success is due to his untiring energy and application, combined with a fair management of his affairs. Mr. Brooks takes an active and intelligent interest in the welfare of the town, and served for twelve consecutive years, from 1874 to 1887, as Supervisor, being Chairman of the board the last year. For the year 1876 he was Town Clerk, and is also Justice of the Peace, an office which he has filled



satisfactorily for thirty years. He is liberal in his views on all matters, and socially is a member of the Uskeep Lodge, No. 459. Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Brooks took an important step in his career on March 23, 1857, when he was united in marriage to Miss Phœbe E. Main, a native of Locke, being a daughter of William and Nancy Main. Mr. Main was of New England birth, and one of the early pioneers of this soil. Both he and his wife spent their declining years in this home of their adoption, he dying at the age of seventy-eight years, and she at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Brooks was a most devoted assistant and helpmate of her husband; and, after remaining his faithful and affectionate companion upward of thirty years, she departed this life September 18, 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. The only child born of this union was a daughter, Lettitia, who with her husband, Arthur E. Weeks, a farmer, lives with her father.

**A**BEL W. CHAPPEL, a prominent business man of Auburn, N. Y., proprietor of the tin, copper, and sheet iron works at 45 North Street, was born December 13, 1832, near Cooperstown, Otsego County, N. Y., on what is called "Dog Hill." His parents were Hosmer P. and Mary D. (Wright) Chappel. The father was born near Cooperstown, April 2, 1809. The grandfather, Oliver Chappel, was one of the pioneer farmers of Otsego County, and manfully bore his share as a soldier in the War

of 1812. Moving to this county with his son, he was a Deacon in the First Baptist Church of Auburn. He died about the year 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer P. Wright moved with their family to what is called "Mosquito Point," near Montezuma, in 1833, where the father continued his occupation of a farmer. In 1837 he moved to Aurelius, five miles from Auburn, in what is now called Throop. He has owned several farms in that vicinity since, and now resides with his son. Mrs. Chappel was a daughter of the Rev. Nathan Wright, a Baptist minister at Cooperstown. She was born in October, 1808, and died in 1874. She left four children, namely: Newton, who lost his eyesight in 1855, lives on Hoffman Street, and is engaged as an organist and a teacher of music; Abel W., the subject of this sketch; Prudence Jane, who resides with her father and brother; and Ellen, wife of La Fayette Rafter, of Michigan. Mr. Chappel, Sr., was Assessor for the town of Victory, and is well known as one of the most prominent farmers in the county. He is a Baptist church member, as was his wife.

Abel W. Chappel received his early education in Throop, and at the Auburn city school. At the age of eighteen years he was apprenticed to learn his trade, serving for three years, afterward working as a journeyman tinsmith, there being no plumbing in Auburn at that time. He enlisted September 21, 1861, in Company H, Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, going out as Third Ser-



geant. He was sent to Santa Rosa Island, Fla., where he remained from December, 1861, to January 17, 1862, afterward coming home and engaging in recruiting in order to make up the balance of the quota for the regiment. He rejoined his regiment at Pensacola, Fla., and was sent to New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Thibodeauxville, where the camp was situated, afterward going across to Burwick's Bay and up the Bayou Teeche in pursuit of the gunboat "Cotton," going up the river fifteen miles and camping there in line of battle. In the morning, finding they were confronted by fifteen thousand men, and having only five thousand to oppose them, they retreated to their old camp. Mr. Chappel was taken sick, having to remain in the hospital for several weeks; and his trip up the river, which was taken during his convalescence, brought on a relapse, which came near costing him his life. He was persuaded much against his will to go to the Marine Hospital at New Orleans. While there, he was detailed on special duty, having charge of all the hospital stores. He remained for six months, until he received his honorable discharge from the service on account of disability, retiring with the rank of First Sergeant.

Returning to Auburn, Mr. Chappel here continued at his trade. In 1866 he went West; and, having received a good musical training, and possessing a fine voice, he with another party held conventions, going through the principal towns of Indiana, afterward working at his trade in Richmond, Ind., until

1874, when he came to Orleans, Ontario County, N.Y., where he started in business for himself. After remaining there for two years, he sold out his business, and moved to Auburn, where he worked at his trade until 1886, when he went into the plumbing and tinning business, doing a large amount of contract work for steam heating, putting in furnaces, besides general jobbing of all kinds, giving employment to a large number of men.

Mr. Chappel has built a fine home at the corner of Capitol and Mann Streets, where he has resided for fifteen years. He is a member of Seward Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He has been Treasurer of the Royal Templars for ten years, and has also been Treasurer of "The Select Guardians" from its organization in 1889.

He was married on September 19, 1866, at West Union, Ohio, to Miss Maggie Ellison, who was born about five miles from Peru, Ind., April 2, 1844, daughter of John Ellison, one of the pioneer farmers of the West. Mr. Chappel and his wife have had three children, only two of whom are now living: Lillie M., who received her education at the high school, is now employed as a book-keeper; and Frank A., also a graduate of the high school, is now engaged in a store in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Chappel are members of the Second Baptist Church of Auburn, Mr. Chappel having been Deacon of the church for several years, and superintendent of the Sunday-school for a lengthy period. He is now librarian, and has always been active in Sunday-school work.



**J**OHN CRAIG COOPER is in many ways a prominent man, related to leading families of the town of Sterling and to many persons mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He was born near his present home, Sterling Centre, November 15, 1817. His grandfather, though English by blood, came directly from Ireland to Washington County, where he cleared land, upon which he lived for many years, although his death took place in Sterling.

His son William, the father of our subject, grew up on the Washington County farm, and also learned stone masonry, at which he afterward worked in Weedsport. He also cleared a farm there for himself as an early pioneer in 1806, and there spent his later years, dying at the age of sixty-five. The wife of William Cooper, Sarah Craig, was a native of Hebron, Washington County, where they were married. They reared seven children. The mother died at the ripe age of eighty-seven. She, as also her husband, was a member of the Presbyterian church.

John C. Cooper passed his early years on the farm, and also learned carpentry and coopering, at which he worked for fifteen years, establishing a business which is now conducted by his son and a nephew. Later he devoted himself to general farming on his present estate, which comprises forty-six acres. At the age of thirty-one, in 1848, Mr. Cooper married Frances Cooper, the daughter of a neighboring farmer, John I. Cooper, whose wife's maiden name was Nancy McFadden. Of this union there are four chil-

dren: Sarah, named for her grandmother Cooper; Marion; John Henry, who married Sarah Taber, daughter of James Taber; and Albert, who married Allie, daughter of Albert Happig, of Sterling Centre, and is the father of one child, Howard. Mrs. Cooper died fifteen years after marriage, and the daughters remain at home as housekeepers for their father. The family have always belonged to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Cooper is a Republican in politics. He remembers when there were very few houses in this section. He himself was born in a log cabin, and assisted in clearing his father's land. Even when his brother George and himself were grown men, the salmon came up the creek in such numbers that they could be caught by hand, and sometimes weighed twenty pounds apiece. He also remembers when Oswego was only a village, and his father had a contract to get out lumber for one of the first piers erected there.

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**F**RANK WILLIAM LYONS, a well-known citizen of Auburn, is the soliciting agent for the freight department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, with which he became connected in 1890. He was born July 29, 1853, at Oak's Corners, Ontario County, the son of John William and Jane (Armstrong) Lyons. At the time of his marriage in 1852, John Lyons was a blacksmith; but he afterward became a general commission merchant and produce dealer, and later still travelling agent for the Lehigh Valley Rail-



road. He now holds a similar position in Rochester to that which his son Frank holds in Auburn. While a resident of Ontario County, he was an active Democrat, though no office-seeker. Most of his younger days were spent in Orleans, Jefferson County, where his father, Eleazer Lyons, was schoolmaster, a pioneer settler, and nail contractor, having gone thither from Clifton Springs.

John Lyons and his wife were married in Columbia County. She was born in 1832, the daughter of Herman Armstrong, who in 1834 moved to Oak's Corners, where he bought a farm, on which he lived until the time of his death. We get some idea of the amount of business done by John Lyons when we learn that he bought in one day eighty thousand bushels of barley, over sixty thousand bushels being at once delivered. He continued on his own account until the railroad people persuaded him to throw his business into their hands and receive a salary, bringing his influence to bear wholly in their favor. Beginning with 1875, this agreement was carried out. At first he travelled here and there in the interest of the road, but finally located at Rochester, as agent for the Lehigh Valley system. His wife is also living; and they are the parents of four children, our subject being the eldest, with three sisters: Mary; Jennie; and Nettie, the wife of Amos Gaylord. Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons are members of the Presbyterian church at Oak's Corners.

Frank W. Lyons received his first rudiments of education at Oak's Corners, in the

public schools, and then attended the Phelps Union Classical School in Geneva. Till the attainment of his majority he remained with his father, trading all along the line of the Auburn road and in the Seneca Lake district. He therefore spent his time in various places, doing a vast amount of work. Every fall for three years he bought and shipped three boat-loads of apples. In 1874, on reaching his majority, he found employment as a telegraph operator for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, being placed in the Syracuse office for a year. On account of a reduction in the force employed he was placed, beginning with May-day, 1875, on the extra substitute list; and this led him in the July following to go to Fairport as ticket agent and telegraph operator for the same railroad. There he remained seven years, or until 1882. These were by no means like the seven lean years of Pharaoh's Egyptian dream, for Mr. Lyons still retained his hold upon the produce traffic; but in the year mentioned, 1882, he decided to definitely resume his former occupation of grain, vegetable, and fruit trading with Mr. A. M. Loomis, under the firm name of Loomis & Lyons, in Fairport. They did a very heavy business, especially in potatoes, buying as many as fifteen hundred bushels a day from the farmers. This lasted until 1884, when Mr. Lyons accepted the position of agent for the West Shore Railroad, having charge of all the duties in connection with the station at Fairport from the date of its opening until that road was absorbed by the New York Central, and the agent of the older road,



being an older man, was placed in the consolidated office. This happened in April, 1886; and thereafter Mr. Lyons became his father's assistant as soliciting agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Rochester. This continued until the son was promoted to his present kindred position at Auburn, this appointment being given him partly because of the failure of his eyesight owing to cataracts. His new duties began April 21, 1890; and his territory covers the line of the Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia & Reading, and the Central New Jersey Railroads. It need hardly be said that he is thus kept continually in motion, and has little time to spend in his pleasant home in Auburn. To him never could be applied the old lines,—

"Satan finds some mischief still  
For idle hands to do."

He is ever to be found in what Mrs. Hemans felicitously calls "the busy haunts of men," and can realize the truth of what a titled Englishman once said, "Celerity wins the race."

Mr. Lyons was married in November, 1877, while in Fairport, to Ella N. Chase, of that town. She was born and educated in Rochester, and is the daughter of William P. Chase, an attorney, and the Surrogate of Monroe County. They have one child, Clarence Lyons. Both Mr. Lyons and his wife are adherents of the Presbyterian church, like their progenitors. Mr. Lyons is greatly interested in Free Masonry, belonging to Fairport Lodge, No. 476, to David Royal Arch Chapter, No. 34, and to the Salem Town Com-

mandery of Knights Templars, No. 16. Few men are better known than he on all the spokes of travel radiating from Auburn.

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**S**AMUEL FRANCIS REYNOLDS is now the efficient proprietor of the Commercial House in Cato, and is also the inventor of a fire apparatus used for the protection of the World's Fair buildings at the Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893; but he passed the greater part of his life in Auburn. He was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, on November 7, 1842. His father, Asa Randolph Reynolds, was then a steel manufacturer in Cazenovia, but was born in Connecticut, the family belonging to old Puritan stock. He went to Cazenovia in boyhood with his parents, and there grew up and married, his wife being Phœbe Petric, who came from Germany. Her father, Peter Petric, emigrated with his family to this country; and he and Peter Smith, the father of Gerrit Smith, started a town, which they called Peterboro, in remembrance of names they both proudly bore.

Asa Reynolds early left Peterboro and went to Syracuse, where he was engaged as foreman in the blacksmith shop connected with the New York Central Railroad. Thence he removed to Mottville, where he built a shop for the manufacture of hoes and pitchforks. In 1860 he changed his residence to Auburn, where he manufactured all the cutting apparatus required for the D. M. Osborn reapers. This relation continued ten years,



or until 1870, when the title of the firm became A. R. Reynolds & Sons. The factory was located on Mechanic Street. The father retired from business some years before his death, which occurred in 1893, when he was over fourscore, he having been born in 1811, just before the last contest with the mother country began. At his death he had been a widower nearly twenty years, his wife having died in 1874. Both were thoroughly respected by their associates, and were members of the Second Presbyterian Church. They had two girls and four boys. Imogene Reynolds is the wife of James Ham. Napoleon Reynolds is a Chicago merchant. Mary Reynolds is the wife of Beech Greenman, now of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Mark Reynolds died in 1863, and Thomas in 1865. Between these two came Samuel Francis.

He received his good practical education at the academy in Skaneateles, but also attended a first-class music school in New York City, where he not only studied the violin, but composed music for the organ and the orchestra. Not wishing to make this his breadwinner, however, he began adult life by giving his full time as an apprentice to his father in the iron works, and with him, as learner and partner, continued for many years, during which period he patented many important inventions, among them one for tempering steel, a grinding machine for heavy work, the automatic hose reel, which was adopted by the Chicago Fair Commission, an adjustable harrow tooth, a grain drill, harrow, and roller, a crucible for making metal fire-links for

locomotives, a new device for preventing the accumulation of water in steam radiators, a cooling and filtering attachment for water tanks, and is now specially interested in his radiators and steam heaters. It goes without saying that such a man was not allowed to confine himself to private affairs. From its inception he has been active in the ranks of the Republican party, and for two terms was Supervisor for the Third Ward. He also belongs to Auburn Masonic Lodge, No. 431.

Mr. Reynolds married Carrie Abby, of Auburn, by whom he had one son, who is now living in Chicago. Mrs. Reynolds died in 1890; and in 1892 he married Laura Spoor, daughter of Ira Spoor, one of the oldest farmers in the town of Ira. By this union there is one daughter, Carrie Bell. For over thirty years, from 1860 to 1893, Mr. Reynolds lived in Auburn; but after the birth of this child the family moved to Cato in May, 1893.

Every man, so says one of the pithiest American authors, the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, should have both a vocation and an avocation. If iron-working has been Mr. Reynolds's vocation, music has been his avocation. Even now, while an inn-keeper, he continues to write and publish his melodies; nor in Auburn did he allow this talent to lie dormant, for he was the leader and instructor of a brass and string band, which has been heard in all parts of this section of the State. This double discipleship, of Vulcan and Apollo, enables him to give his hearty assent to what Victor Hugo says, "An idea steeped



in verse becomes suddenly more incisive and more brilliant: the iron becomes steel." Moreover, he has personally illustrated the great Napoleon's dictum about perseverance, "All the great captains have performed vast achievements by conforming with the rules of art — by adjusting efforts to obstacles."

**A**LONZO D. DRAKE, a worthy representative of the industrial interests of this county, is carrying on a flourishing business as a miller in the stirring little village of Montezuma, where he has been located for more than a quarter of a century, being now one of the oldest business men within its corporate limits. He comes of ancient and distinguished antecedents, and traces his ancestry back to Sir Francis Drake, the noted English navigator. Nathaniel Drake, the grandfather, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, in 1761, and was there engaged in general farming a large portion of his life, being numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his day. He was a man of strong individuality, possessing great influence with his fellow-townsmen, liberal in his religious views, and a Whig in politics. The declining years of his life were spent in Seneca County, at the home of his son Sparling, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years.

Sparling Drake, the father of Alonzo D., was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, February 15, 1801, and in that place grew to manhood, receiving his early instruction in

the public schools of the locality, and under the parental roof being drilled in lessons of industry and thrift. On reaching manhood he migrated to New York, and, settling in Tompkins County, became one of its pioneers, residing there six years. He subsequently came westward, moving his family with a horse and wagon to Seneca County, locating in the town of Tyre about 1833. He there bought a tract of almost entirely wild land, although a few improvements had been made, paying sixteen dollars per acre for eighty-five acres. He had previously learned the trade of a weaver; and at this he worked in connection with his farming for many years, and was very successful in both branches of his business. He improved a good farm, and became a leading business man of the place, remaining there until 1853, when he retired from agricultural labor. During that year he removed to the village of Waterloo, and for three years was there engaged in mercantile business. Abandoning that, he next came to Montezuma, and entered into the milling business with his son Alonzo, continuing thus engaged several years. His last years were passed in his old home in Waterloo, where his death occurred at the venerable age of ninety-one years. He was a well-informed man, taking an intelligent interest in the leading questions of his time, and was a Whig in politics and a strong Abolitionist. Both he and his wife were members of the Church of the Disciples, and reared their children to the faith of that church. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Snooke.



She was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, in May, 1805. She bore him four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Matthias S., a physician of repute, resides on the old homestead in Tyre, managing the farm in addition to his professional duties. Amy, who married Simon Babcock, lives in Waterloo. Alonzo D. is our subject. Theresa, who is unmarried, resides in Waterloo.

Alonzo D. Drake is a native of the Empire State, having first seen the light in Tompkins County, where his birth occurred January 30, 1829. He was but four years of age when his parents moved to Seneca County, where he was bred and educated. He remained at home, assisting in the development and improvement of the parental homestead until he was twenty-four years old, when he started for himself. Selecting agriculture as his occupation, he bought seventy-five acres of land in the town of Tyre, and was successfully engaged in tilling and cultivating the soil for a number of years. Disposing of that property in 1867, Mr. Drake came to this county, and, locating in the village of Montezuma, purchased the mill, which he has since operated with excellent pecuniary results. He has built up a good trade, having an extensive and lucrative patronage, and is considered one of the most able and successful men of business in the vicinity. He is widely and favorably known, and is always spoken of in the highest terms, either in business, political, or social circles. In the management of local affairs he takes a conspicuous part, and has filled various offices with universal satisfac-

tion. He was elected Supervisor in 1876, an office which he held three consecutive terms, and to which he was again elected in 1891. He is now serving his seventh year as Justice of the Peace. He has also been the recipient of other honors, having held the office of President of the village, and of Village Trustee. In 1890 he was appointed Census Enumerator, and performed the duties of the position with fidelity. Socially, he is a member of Montezuma Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The union of Mr. Drake with Miss Anna Van Wie was solemnized March 2, 1854. Mrs. Drake was a native of New York, born in Montgomery County, January 20, 1832, a daughter of John S. and Anna (Paris) Van Wie, both of whom are deceased. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and a man of sterling integrity, everywhere esteemed for his honesty and manliness. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Drake there are four children living, as follows: William A., an engineer, lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. Katie, the wife of Robert J. Benham, a prosperous grocer, resides in Auburn. John S., a miller by trade, is a resident of Montezuma. Fred R., the youngest child, is engaged in a shoe factory in Auburn. Mrs. Drake, who was a most amiable and estimable woman, universally beloved and respected, passed to the higher life January 17, 1893, leaving a vacant place in the home circle, where her memory will ever be revered and tenderly cherished. She had a kind and loving heart, a sympathetic nature, and was a consistent member of the Church of the Disciples.



**C**HARLES WILLIAM SMITH, a prosperous and enterprising farmer, living near Sterling Centre, was born in Wolcott, Wayne County, July 10, 1852. His grandfather, Edward Smith, was a pioneer of Sterling, having cleared land still in the ownership of the family, and built a cabin, where he lived until his death, and which was near his grandson's present home.

The father, Moses Smith, was probably born after his father came to Sterling. He resided on the Sterling farm until he reached his majority, when he purchased a farm in Wolcott, Wayne County, and there lived for a quarter of a century. The united efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Smith to pay off their last dollar of land indebtedness superinduced the illness of both; and Mr. Smith, after his wife's death, sought to obtain strength by a sojourn in New Jersey and travel in the Far West. Marrying again, he came back to the home of his childhood, and bought the paternal estate, and also the Miles property near by. He died at the age of fifty-six, on the place now belonging to his son Charles. His first wife was Alice Cole, one of the six children of William Cole, who was among the openers of this section of New York, building a house in the town of Butler, in which he lived alone for six years before sending for his wife to join him, and where he died. Moses and Alice (Cole) Smith were both members of the Methodist church at Westbury. They were the parents of two children. The daughter, Sarah Ann, married Albert Happing, a farmer of Sterling; and the son, Charles William, named for his

maternal grandfather, is the subject of this notice. The mother died in Wolcott at the age of forty-six. Moses Smith's second wife, Dorcas (Dudley) Smith, is still living, and has one child, who is the wife of Isaac Hopper.

At the age of thirteen Charles William Smith came from Wolcott to Sterling, where he worked for his grandfather and father on land which eventually came into his own possession, and which he has since uninterruptedly cultivated, devoting it in part to successful fruit culture. November 23, 1871, at the early age of nineteen, he married; and his four children are Irving, Ethlyn, Harlow, and Eulalie. Their mother, Rhoda Kerness, was one of the eleven children of John Kerness, a brave pioneer farmer, who spent his life in this region, and whose wife was Sally Ann Beley.

Mr. Smith is a Methodist in his religious belief, and has been a useful member of the Helping Hand Society. He is a Republican, and was Postmaster for many years, and for one year was Overseer of the Poor. Would there were more such men in every section of our nation!

**A**MOS P. MAIN, a prominent factor of the agricultural element of the town of Moravia, owns and occupies a fine homestead, where he is carrying on general farming after the most approved methods, and is meeting with more than ordinary success in the prosecution of his labors. He is a native of this county, his birthplace being



in the town where he now resides, and the date of his birth March 1, 1847.

Mr. Main is of New Jersey antecedents, his grandfather, John Main, having been a native of that State. He was a farmer by occupation, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits there several years after his marriage. In 1819 he removed to this county with his family, traversing the wooded country with teams, and being several days on the way. He bought a tract of forest-covered land, and undertook the arduous task of constructing a farm from the dense wilderness; and, among the venerable pioneers who by their own industry, perseverance, and energy laid the foundation for the present wealth and enterprise of Cayuga County, no name is more worthy of remembrance than his. Most of the brave settlers of those primitive days have passed from earth, and their familiar forms are no more seen; but their descendants are worthily filling their places, and carrying on the work that they began. At the time of Mr. Main's settlement here there were few homesteads to be seen, and the woods were filled with wild beasts of all kinds. Wild turkeys and other game were plentiful, and furnished many meals for the people. The residences were mostly made of logs, many of them containing but one room. A cabin of that description was his first dwelling. He succeeded in clearing a good farm, and lived to a ripe old age, dying in the town of Venice, at the age of fourscore and ten years.

Stephen Main, the father of Amos P., was born May 3, 1811, during the residence of his

parents in New Jersey. He was a boy of eight years when he came to this county, and from the time of his arrival was engaged in agricultural labor; for the sons of those hardy pioneers were taught to labor both early and late. After he attained to manhood he engaged in farming on his own account, and became one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of his day. He exhibited both enterprise and ability, and in connection with other branches of agriculture paid much attention to the raising of bees, in which he was quite successful. He married Sally Knapp, who was born in the town of Genoa, August 30, 1809; and in 1835 he bought the farm in Moravia, now known as the old Main homestead, where his widow resides. This property he improved, and by his energetic labors and excellent management rendered it one of the most valuable and desirable estates in the vicinity. In politics he was a sound Republican, and religiously was a consistent member of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Main is still a communicant. His family circle included nine children, namely: George W., a farmer, living in the town of Locke; Mrs. Ruth Hoyt, who lives on the old home farm; Nelson, a resident of Glenwood Springs, Col.; Amos P., of this notice; Clinton C., a prosperous hardware merchant in the village of Locke; Mrs. Esther Ann Morse, who passed from earth at the age of fifty-three years; Purdy K., who died when forty-nine years old; Mrs. Sarah Jane Rathbone, who died at the age of thirty-six years; and John, who died when an infant of nine months.



Amos P. Main, who grew to manhood in his native town, was educated in its district schools, and remained at home assisting on the homestead until twenty-one years of age, when he began working for himself. He was an industrious, hard-working man, of excellent habits, and had no trouble in securing a place as a farm laborer at twenty-five dollars per month. Being prudent and economical, ere many years he acquired sufficient capital to warrant him in establishing a home of his own, and accordingly, on September 25, 1871, was united in marriage with Mary Willis, who was born in the town of Locke, November 5, 1844. Her parents, Solomon and Jane (Jones) Willis, were both born in Cayuga County; and her father now makes his home with her, his wife having passed to her final rest when sixty-five years of age. Mr. Willis learned the cooper's trade, which he followed during the earlier years of his life in the town of Locke. In the later years of his activity he carried on general farming. To him and his wife three children were born: Chester, who lives in the town of Venice; Mary, Mrs. Main; and Eliza Jane, who died when five years old. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is a conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged.

Since his marriage Mr. Main has continued to follow agricultural pursuits, having bought the farm where he now resides in 1872. His property consists of one hundred acres of excellent land, which he has substantially improved. In his chosen vocation he has met

with undisputed success; and his homestead, with its comfortable buildings and tasteful surroundings, is plainly indicative to the passer-by of the care and supervision of an intelligent man and a practical farmer, thoroughly versed in the art and science of agriculture. Mr. and Mrs. Main are the parents of two children, Lily H. and Maud, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Main is a strong Republican in politics, and has inherited from his ancestors those principles of honor and honesty for which the family have been noted for generations, and which have made them such desirable residents and citizens. He is an influential member of the Farmers' Alliance, and in religious affairs both he and his wife are liberal.

FREDERICK A. SEFTON, M.D., a prominent physician of Auburn, was born in the town of Stockport, County of Cheshire, England, July 29, 1857. At the head of one of the finest residence streets of Auburn, a mile from the centre of the city, may be found a country house, licensed by the State Lunacy Commission, and well named the "Pines," from its lovely surroundings. If you follow South Street along from the venerable Miller homestead, made memorable by having once been the home of the great statesman, William H. Seward, you pass under giant elms, symmetrical poplars, and graceful maples, on one of the finest boulevards in the State. Near by is Lake Owasco, a beautiful sheet of water, twelve miles long



and about one mile in width, whose shores are dotted with cottages, hotels, club and boat houses, reaching as far as the outlet, at the famous Townsend's Island. Twenty acres of dry and rough upland, diversified with serpentine walks and driveways, constitute the "Pines." The central brick building itself is provided with all the modern appliances and conveniences of gas, electricity, water, steam, ventilation, and open fireplaces. While sunny and cheerful within, the trees shield it from intrusive espionage, diffuse a balsamic fragrance, and give an invigorating tone to the atmosphere. There is a good stable, where boarders can keep their own carriages, if they so desire. The table is excellent. Each inmate has his own separate attendant and apartment. Thus only a limited number of patients can be accommodated in this cheerful home. At its head is Dr. Sefton, though he has two consulting physicians, Drs. William S. Chessman and Joseph P. Creveling.

As already stated, Dr. Sefton was born on Albion's fair isle. His father was James Sefton. His mother's maiden name was Catharine Goodwin, and their ancestors lived in Lancashire and Cheshire for three or four centuries. Mr. James Sefton belonged to the firm of Orrell Brothers, manufacturers of cotton-spinning machinery, the Orrells being his brothers-in-law; and in this business he continued until 1865, when the sudden termination of the Southern Rebellion in the United States so largely affected the English cotton interests. About that time Mr. Sefton came

to America, and now owns residences both in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Frederick A. Sefton was a boy eight years old when the family came to this country, and received his education mostly in the public schools of Holyoke, Mass., and in the Pinkerton Academy at Derry, N.H. Afterward he spent four years at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me. Following his graduation there in 1880, he studied his profession at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and also in the medical department of Yale College. Having finished his course there in 1884, and duly received his diploma, young Sefton went to London for a year's practical experience in the hospitals, after which he returned to this country, and practised for a time in New York, until invited to undergo the civil service examination for the post of Assistant Physician in the State Asylum at Auburn. He triumphantly passed this ordeal, and was for six years Chief Assistant in the hospital, then resigned his place in order to take charge of the "Pines" in 1891, where he has since remained doing an admirable work for unfortunate humanity. Dr. Sefton believes with Napoleon that "out-door exercise is the best physic"; yet, when his patients need medicine, there is a room thoroughly furnished with *materia medica*, and an exceptionally competent physician to prescribe and advise in any case where professional skill is required.

In the line of his calling Dr. Sefton belongs to the Cayuga County Medical Society, to the American Psychological Association, and to



the American Anthropological Association. In the social direction he is a member of the Auburn City Club and the Lotus Club of New York City. Fraternally, he is affiliated with St. Mark's Lodge of Masons in Derry, N.H., and with Mount Horeb Chapter in Manchester, the same State. True to his English blood, he is a supporter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Auburn.

June 3, 1890, Dr. Sefton married an Auburn lady, Miss Maud Milliken Fitch; and they have two interesting children: Catharine, born in 1891, and named for her paternal grandmother; and Wilfred, born in 1893. Mrs. Sefton's father, Charles P. Fitch, is a well-known citizen, and her grandfather, Abijah Fitch, was a foremost Abolitionist of the same city; while her mother's family, the Millikens, are eminent real-estate owners in the metropolis. What better can man or woman ask than a creditable past and a bright future?

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**F**LOYD TELLER ALLEN, an unusually prosperous merchant of the village of Martville in the town of Sterling, was born October 30, 1836, in Onondaga County. His father, George Alexis Allen, a native of Skaneateles, was in his youth apprenticed to learn harness-making, and thereafter went to Lysander, where he followed this trade until his death, which took place in 1857, when he was forty-nine years old. His wife, Hester A. Teller, was a native of Ira, and a daughter of Father Isaac Teller, who was not only one of the oldest Methodist circuit-riders and

preachers in Cayuga County, but a farmer who cleared his hundred and fifty acres, besides rearing ten children. George and Hester Allen had four children: Floyd Teller, who is named for his mother's family; Mary, who is the wife of E. C. Hall, of Ira; Addie; and William. The mother is still living, and resides with her son in Martville.

At the age of fifteen Floyd Allen left school, and was engaged as a dry-goods clerk in Syracuse for three years. Thence he went to Cincinnati, to work a year for John Shelletto, in what at that time was the largest shoe store in the West. Returning to this neighborhood, he was a clerk in Oswego for two years, and then went to New York City, where for six years he was with E. H. Rowe & Co.'s jobbing house, and then for a few years in an establishment on Wall Street. In 1870 he came to Martville, where his previous experience and assiduity enabled him to establish a business which has grown into the largest of the kind in the region, the store having doubled in size, and the stock more than quadrupled.

In 1883, somewhat late in life, he married Jennie Say, the only child of John B. and Polly Granger Say, the former of whom, a shoemaker, came to this village from Lucas County. Of this union there are three children: Bessie aged ten; Henry, seven; and Ruth, five. The family attend the Methodist church.

For many years Mr. Allen has been Postmaster. Politically, he supports the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Hannibal Lodge, No.



550. His advice is sought on all sorts of business questions, as a man who, having made the best use of his varied opportunities in city and country, has thus cultivated his natural shrewdness and good judgment.

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**M**ILES T. GARDINIER was born in Root, Schoharie County, N.Y., April 11, 1852, the son of John and Sarah Gardinier. His father was born in the same county and in the town of Argusville, where he carried on the business of contractor and builder, in which his son afterward followed him. About 1860 the family moved to Amboy; and there Mr. Gardinier carried on an extensive business along the Mohawk River, succeeding admirably for some years, when he gave up his former business, and became manager of a flouring mill in Pratt's Falls, Onondaga County. Mrs. Gardinier, whose maiden name was Carver, died when her son Miles was very young.

Miles T. Gardinier was educated at the common schools, and completed his studies in Pompey Academy, Pompey Hill, Onondaga County. This institution of learning numbers among its alumni many men who have become eminent, and who are well known in this vicinity, among the most prominent being Horatio Seymour. After his graduation Mr. Gardinier worked at his trade with his father for a time, and then went to Waterloo, Seneca County, where he worked as a journeyman until coming to Auburn in 1872. He was engaged here with the firm of Vander, Bosch

& Gallup for two or three years, and afterward with King & Phillips, who built many of the finest buildings, and were at that time among the leading builders of the city. Having thus had valuable experience in all departments of his work, Mr. Gardinier started in business for himself, establishing himself in an excellent shop, where he keeps several men at work the year round, at some seasons employing as many as twenty-five. His contracts for the most part are for residences, and he has shown much good judgment and excellent taste in this line.

In 1874 Mr. Gardinier married Anna L. King, of this city; and they have two children, Bertrand D. and Edith May, both of whom attend the public schools of Auburn. Mr. Gardinier's interests and close connection with the growth of the city have made him deservedly popular among his fellow-citizens.

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**P**ETER BLAUVELT has accomplished satisfactory work as a farmer in the town of Aurelius, acquiring sufficient means to live on during his declining years, in the mean time having won an excellent reputation as a citizen, being universally esteemed for his integrity and honesty; he also achieved an honorable war record as a brave and patriotic defender of his country. He is of German origin, his grandfather, James Blauvelt, having been born in Germany, where he remained until attaining his majority. Then, leaving his native home, he emigrated to the United States, landing in



New York City after a wearisome journey of several weeks. Soon after his arrival he purchased a wagon and horses, and, making an overland trip through dense forests and extensive swamps, journeyed to Orange County, where he bought a tract of wild land, from which he improved a comfortable homestead. There he and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine House, continued to live until called to that bourn from which no traveller returns.

James Blauvelt, Jr., father of our subject, was born during the residence of his parents in Orange County, where he was educated and reared to manhood. Acquiring a substantial knowledge of the general principles of farming from his father, he remained on the homestead until twenty-five years of age, assisting in the cultivation of the land. At that time, wishing for a home of his own, he married, and removed to New York City. Securing employment with Bowman & Johnson as a cartman, he remained with them for nearly thirty years. In 1839 he came to Cayuga County, bringing his wife and three children, with all of their worldly goods, in a wagon drawn by a team of horses. He bought a farm in the town of Mentz, but, there being no buildings on it, moved his family into a log house about three miles from the farm. He improved much of the land, meeting with good results in his operations, and remained there until his death in February, 1869. He married Catherine Post, the daughter of Peter Post, of New Jersey; and they reared five children, namely: Margaret, Peter, Harriet, Nancy A., and Catherine.

Peter Blauvelt was born in New York City, February 13, 1814. He received an excellent education in the public schools of his native city, and, when old enough, learned the trade of a wagon-maker, serving an apprenticeship of five years. When his parents removed to Cayuga County, he accompanied them, and for several years assisted in the management of the farm. He was quick and active, with much ambition and energy, soon acquiring a reputation as a good worker and an expert thresher. In 1863 he left his farm duties to enter the service of his country, enlisting in the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, serving as a private. He participated in many battles, being at Cold Harbor, Cedar Creek, and Sailor's Run, the Ninth Artillery losing a number of men in each engagement. Mr. Blauvelt was fortunate, however, coming through the war unharmed, receiving his honorable discharge, and being mustered out of service at Syracuse in 1865. After his return he bought fifty-two acres of land in Aurelius, where he has since resided. He has cleared a fine farm, and erected substantial and conveniently arranged buildings, meeting with excellent success in all of his operations. In preparing his land for cultivation he burned the wood as fast as he cut, reducing it to charcoal, which he drew to Auburn, disposing of it at a profit.

Mr. Blauvelt has been twice married. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was united in 1840, was Laura P. Ellis, and she was a daughter of Reuben and Abigail (Jones) Ellis, of Aurelius. To them were



born six children — Sarah, Harriet, James R., Mary, Clarissa, and Theodore. Of these Sarah, the wife of Philip Chapin, has six children living, namely: Frances, who married Will Youngs, and has three children — Ella, Pearl, and Vernie; Jennie, who married Fred Youngs, and has three children — Isabel, Myra, and Clarence; Charles, who is married, and has two children — Floyd and Louis; Carrie, who married John Hall, and has four children — Frederic, Lizzie, Sarah, and Mary; Edward; and Arthur. James R. married Emma Treat, of Throop, and has four children; namely, Artie, George, Fred, and Gilbert. Mary, who married John Fear, of Montezuma, has the following-named children: Elmer, Edgar, George, Peter, Mary, and Theodore. Clarissa, who is the wife of Edward Cogswell, lives in Michigan. Theodore, who married Mary Rose, of Mentz, has two children — Lottie and Edith.

Mrs. Laura P. Blauvelt died February 18, 1888; and Mr. Blauvelt married Eliza Hand, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Fries) Erven, of Aurelius, and the grand-daughter of Peter and Eliza (Armstrong) Erven. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Blauvelt were Adam F. and Eliza (King) Fries, who were among the earliest settlers of the town of Owaseo, and quite prominent people in that part of the county. Mr. Fries was very generous and public-spirited, and gave a part of the land on which the Sand Beach church was erected, and a portion of the cemetery.

Mr. Blauvelt, who has been an industrious, hard-working man, succeeding well in all of

his undertakings, is now passing the sunset of life in quiet ease and contentment, enjoying the just reward of his many years of faithful toil. In politics he is now a staunch Republican, although he was a Democrat from the time he cast his first vote, in 1848, until two years ago. Socially, he is a member of Seward Post, No. 37, Grand Army of the Republic, of Auburn, being the oldest man in the post.

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**C**HARLES H. GREENFIELD. As a citizen of prominence, an instructor of ability, a brave defender of our glorious Union, the descendant of Revolutionary stock, and the worthy representative of an honored pioneer of Cayuga County, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is especially deserving of mention in this volume. A native of this county, he was born in the town of Niles, July 5, 1836. He is of New England antecedents, his father, Henry Greenfield, having been born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, October 13, 1813; and his grandfather, David, and great-grandfather, Raymond Greenfield, were also natives of the old Bay State.

David and Raymond Greenfield were both veterans of the Revolution, and descendants of one of the early settlers of Massachusetts. Raymond came to this section of New York in 1796, travelling from the place of his nativity to this county with teams, often having to break a path through the woods. The county was thinly settled at that time, and wild game of all kinds was abundant. He



located near New Hope, in the town of Niles, where he bought a large tract of timbered land, and immediately proceeded with the improvement of his new homestead. In due time success smiled upon his labors; and before his death, which occurred at a ripe old age, he had cleared a goodly portion of his farm.

David Greenfield also came here in pioneer times, when Auburn, then known as Hardenburg's Corners, was the nearest milling point, and the few settlers in the vicinity were mainly dependent for their sustenance on the fish and wild game hereabouts. He was a farmer by occupation, but never became a landholder. Being pleased with this country as a place of residence, he continued to reside here as long as he lived, and departed from the scenes of his earthly labors at the age of threescore and ten years. He was much respected for his strict integrity; and both he and his excellent wife, who survived him, living to the advanced age of seventy years, were valued members of the Free Will Baptist church. In politics he was a Whig. Of the twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, born to him and his wife, two are now living—James and Leonard Greenfield, both residents of Michigan.

Henry Greenfield was also reared to agricultural pursuits, and spent the larger part of his brief life in the towns of Niles and Moravia, industriously engaged in his chosen calling. He began his career by working farms on shares, and, investing his money in land, was the owner of a small farm at the

time of his decease. He was called from earth in the midst of his usefulness, dying in 1852, when only thirty-eight years old. The maiden name of his wife, who still occupies the old home farm, was Jane Hunt. She was born in the town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, in August, 1817. The six children born into their household were as follows: Charles H., our subject; Alonzo, a farmer, who resides in Sempronius, where he is Road Commissioner; Elijah, who lives in the town of Venice, served in the late Rebellion as a member of Company A, Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry; Jane, the wife of Darius Morse, lives on the old homestead of her great-grandfather, Raymond Greenfield; Betsey, Mrs. Stringer, is a resident of Auburn; John Webb, who was a soldier in the Civil War, being in the Third Heavy Artillery, died while in service. The parents were both strong believers in the tenets of the Baptist church, and the father was a Whig in politics.

Charles H. Greenfield grew to manhood in this his native town, receiving the rudiments of his liberal education in its public schools, and afterward attending the normal school at Auburn and the Monroe Institute. Having been well fitted for a professional career, he engaged in teaching in Ohio. At the time of the Civil War, laying aside his personal and private interests, he returned to his early home, and proffered his services as a soldier of the Union, enlisting, August 13, 1862, in the Ninth Heavy Artillery (first known as the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth New York



Volunteer Infantry) in Company F, under the command of William H. Seward. He entered at once into active service, participating in the battles and skirmishes with his comrades, and was under fire at the battles of Cold Harbor, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, first and second battles of Petersburg, and in many minor engagements, being in the mean time promoted to the rank of Sergeant. On the 2d of April, 1865, at Cedar Creek, he received his first wound, and at the second battle of Petersburg was shot through the side and lost his arm, it being taken off just below the shoulder. He was removed to the Harwood General Hospital, where he remained until July 7, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge.

Upon returning home Mr. Greenfield resumed his professional duties, and among the prominent educators of this section of the State holds a leading position. In 1872 he was elected County School Commissioner, and served with fidelity for three years. He also served one year as gauger and inspector of the Carpenter distillery near New Hope, has been Justice of the Peace four years, and one year has served as Collector. Politically, Mr. Greenfield is an earnest Republican, and takes an active part in the management of local affairs. He is a man of sound judgment and excellent business qualifications, and is highly respected by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. In *New Hope Post*, No. 337, Grand Army of the Republic, he occupies an influential position, being a charter member of that organization.

On October 1, 1867, Mr. Greenfield was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Anna McLaughlin, a native of Ireland; and into their pleasant home circle came a family of four sons and an equal number of daughters. Agnes, who married Frank Carver, a farmer, resides in Niles. Daniel, a farmer, and his sister Cora, Mrs. Covert, are also residents of Niles. The others are Mary, Henry, Charles, Anna, and William S. The faithful and affectionate wife and devoted mother departed this life August 14, 1890, at the age of fifty-one years. She was a woman of many worthy and amiable qualities, and was greatly beloved by her family and a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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CHARLES EDWARD WAYTE, a foremost citizen of Sterling Valley, is a miller, in partnership with the Hon. Thomas Hunter, sketched elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Wayte was born in Rochester, Monroe County, on the last day of January, 1869.

His grandfather, William Edward Wayte, was a wool merchant in England, where Mr. Wayte's father, Edward Wayte, was born. Edward lived in Burton-on-Trent till he crossed the seas at the age of twenty-one, and engaged in the produce business on Long Island. After a year or two he removed to Rochester, where he carried on the market business until his death, at the age of only fifty-six. He was married in England to Delia Harwich, of Derby, one of the six chil-



dren of Captain Thomas Harwich, who ran a vessel between England and Ireland across the Irish Sea. From this union came eight children: William Edwin; Mary E.; James; Emeline Delia, named for her mother, and married to H. E. Leach, a vocal teacher in Rochester; Alfred E., married to Cornelia E. Bassett; Caroline T.; Annie C., married to George D. De Mille, connected with the gas company in Minneapolis, Minn.; and Charles Edward, the youngest of the family, of Sterling Valley. Their mother was a member of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church in Rochester, of which her husband was a Deacon; but she died in the home of her daughter Annie in Minnesota.

Charles E. attended the Rochester public schools till he was old enough to enter the Pennsylvania Military Academy, where he spent two years, and was appointed Corporal. Then through the influence of his sister Annie's husband he was employed two years in the Washburn Company's flour-mills at Minneapolis. Thence he came to Pembroke, near Batavia, in Genesee County, N.Y., and entered business for himself by purchasing a mill property, which at the end of a year he advantageously sold. Coming then to Sterling, he bought a share in the Hon. Thomas Hunter's large mill, now producing every day sixty barrels of first-class flour, which is in constant demand in the best markets. Four new sets of rollers have made this mill one of the finest in this region, the water-power being fully equal to any in the State.

On December 7, 1892, at the age of twenty-

three, he married Isabella C. Hunter, the daughter of his senior partner. In politics Mr. Wayte is Republican. He attends the Covenanter church, whereof the Hunter family are staunch adherents. Though not long a resident of this community, and still a young man, his pluck and intelligence have already won him a wide circle of friends.

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**F**RANK JOHNSON, a practical, progressive, and enterprising citizen of this county, is actively engaged in his chosen occupation of tilling the soil in the town of Brutus, where he ranks among the prosperous business men of the place. He is a wide-awake man, whose success in life is clearly attributable to his habits of industry, economy, and thrift, sustained by good business principles. In all the relations of life he stands well in the community.

Mr. Johnson was born in the town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, N.Y., October 24, 1859. His parents, Frederick and Jane (Vosburgh) Johnson, were both natives of that county, where the major part of their lives was spent, the father, who was a farmer, dying there at the age of seventy-four years, and the mother at the age of fifty-five years. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife were conscientious members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of two children: Frank; and his sister Helen, who married Joseph Harrington, of Onondaga County.

Frank Johnson spent the earlier part of his



life in his native county, acquiring a good common-school education in the town of Marcellus. As soon as old enough to be of any use, his services were in constant requisition on the home farm, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of agricultural labors, toiling as he did on the old homestead until twenty-two years of age. He began life on his own account as a farm laborer, working at first for the small sum of six dollars a month. For five or six seasons he continued thus employed; and, by a wise prudence and a judicious saving of his hard-earned wages, he accumulated enough money to commence farming on his own account. In 1886 he came to Cayuga County, and settled in the town where he has since continued a resident.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage in 1887 with Mrs. Edee, a most estimable woman, who during her residence in the town has won the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Johnson is of Southern birth, having been born in the State of Mississippi, February 5, 1853, being a daughter of Joshua and Caroline Fletcher, neither of whom is now living. Her father was a miller by trade, and was also successfully engaged in agricultural work; and Mrs. Johnson was his only child. In 1875 she was married to Frederic Roler, who departed this life September 14, 1882, leaving her with two sons—Virgil and Albert. In 1884 she became the wife of Alonzo Edee, a native of this county, a farmer by occupation, and one of the promising young men of the town of Brutus. Their wedded life was of short

duration, his early death occurring October 25, 1885, a short time after the birth of their only child, Lotta Edee. Of the union of Mr. Johnson and his wife five children have been born; namely, Clarence, Fred, Lena, Jackson, and Frank, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a fine farm of eighty-seven acres, the former property of Mr. Edee, which since his marriage Mr. Johnson has managed with excellent results, carrying on general farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale. Politically, he is a strong Democrat; and in their religious views both he and his wife are liberal and progressive.

 CHARLES E. MACMASTER, Chief of Police of Auburn, has been well known in the city for many years, through his connection with the force and his other business. He was born in the town of Sennett, in this county, November 14, 1852, and was the son of Charles H. and Jane Agnes (Frost) MacMaster. The elder Charles was by trade a marble-cutter, and was born in the village of Weedsport in 1825. His father was Hugh MacMaster, a name well known among the pioneer farmers of the county, and also at Ballston, from which place he moved in the early days. The ancestors, several generations back, had come from Scotland; and Hugh was justly proud of his lineal descent from the eminent MacMaster family of the old country. In the early part of the century the family settled in Auburn, and became prominent in town affairs. MacMaster



Street of this city was named for a brother of Hugh. Charles was but a small boy when he came to Auburn; and, after gaining a common-school education in the city schools, he learned the monumental marble business, and engaged in that for himself for some years. He set the first piece of marble in the beautiful Fort Hill Cemetery, and has since done much of the work which has beautified that city of the dead. At the time of President Buchanan's administration he was a mail agent, and moved to Rochester, thence to Syracuse, and afterward to Niagara Falls, this being in the early days of mail distribution on the cars. At the expiration of his term of office he received an appointment as Keeper of the Auburn prison; and that position he held for twelve years, after which he retired from active life, and now lives in his own home in the city. His wife is well known as an active member of the Universalist church, although the early MacMasters were members of the Presbyterian church.

Charles E. MacMaster was the only child of his parents who lived to reach mature years. He attended the common schools of that city, and then went to the old Auburn Academy, after which he learned the boot and shoe business, and worked as cutter in the Auburn prison for more than fourteen years, and then for Dunn, Solomon & Co. and Dunn, Barker & Co. In 1884 he joined the police force, and, being a faithful and able patrolman, was given much responsibility, and did much excellent work, so that in 1892, when a new Chief was needed, he was appointed to

that position. The police force of Auburn is one of the best in the State, consisting, all told, of twenty men, which includes seventeen patrolmen and three officers. Since becoming Chief, Mr. MacMaster has made many improvements, his previous experience enabling him to understand the difficulties and the faults of the system previously used. The most important change has been in relation to the time of duty. Formerly the twelve-hour system prevailed, which meant twelve hours' day duty and ten hours' night duty, thus leaving the city entirely unprotected by police between five and seven in the morning. The new system, which is called the eight-hour system, requires eight hours on and six hours off duty, the force being relieved every eight hours, thus keeping the city patrolled throughout the twenty-four hours. Auburn was the first of the smaller cities to adopt this method, which has proved an excellent one. Mr. MacMaster is a member of the Republican party, the principles of which he strongly upholds, although he is not an aspirant for office.

Mr. MacMaster is physically and mentally adapted to his present position. He may be said to inherit from his father a genius for dealing with offenders against the State; and from his youth he has seen and known the methods which are used with those who are unmindful of the laws of the land. Courteous and pleasing in his manners, he is equally decided and firm, and is one of the strongest men in such a position in this State. The people of Auburn, knowing this, feel confi-



dent that he will secure for them the safety and protection which a well-governed city should have.

**M**ILTON G. LEAPE, M.D., though still a young man, as is shown by the date of his graduation at Buffalo University in the class of 1892, is popular far and near, rapidly taking a high position among the physicians of Cayuga County. As is generally the case with men of his profession, Dr. Leape is not a native of the place where he has established his office, Conquest, but was born in Wayne County, July 5, 1869, when the echoes of the Independence fanfare were still resounding.

The Doctor's grandfather, Samuel Leape, came from Germany, and lived awhile on the outskirts of Troy, though later he became a pioneer in Wayne County, where he bought a large tract of woodland and built a log house. On that farm, cleared by his own hands, he resided until his death. Here was reared the Doctor's father, Samuel W. Leape, though born in Troy, Albany County, where he long resided. On coming of age, the younger Samuel for a season taught school; but he early entered mercantile life as a clerk, and a little later began business for himself in a store at South Sodus, where he for some time remained, until he decided to open a new store in Wayne Centre. There he continued until 1862, when he entered his country's service, in the second year of the war. He was a Corporal in the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery in all its engagements, and was pro-

moted to a First Lieutenancy before his discharge in 1865. Since then Mr. Samuel W. Leape has been a Justice of Peace, and has served sixteen years as Assessor. He married Julia Seager, a native of Rose, Wayne County, where her father was one of the earliest immigrants, coming there from Connecticut, and opening a bridle-path when the region was one vast forest, and the settlers had to go twenty-five miles to mill. Mr. Seager sometimes shot deer while standing in the doorway of his own cabin. His wife's father was killed by the British, in the War of 1812, at Sodus Point. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Leape reared five children: Samuel; Ella, now Mrs. Walter White; Alta, who married Mr. Bailey, of Bailey & Co., Chicago; Asher; and Milton G.

Until he was sixteen Milton attended school in the village, and then was in Hobart Free College at Geneva for two years. He first studied medicine with Dr. York, of Huron, and then entered the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated May 4, 1892. Two months later he began practice in Conquest Village. Dr. Leape is a member of the Cayuga Medical Society. He was made a Mason in the Star of Hope Lodge, Buffalo, to which he still belongs. Few young physicians begin life's contest with better prospects than Dr. Leape, and his sun is sure to grow brighter with increase of years and wisdom.

**W**ALLACE W. ROTCH comes of an old pioneer family of Cayuga County, and was born in Brutus, June 30,



1839, being a son of Edward and Deborah (McKee) Rotch. He is a representative citizen of his native town, and an important factor of the industrial element, being a thoroughly capable and skilled stone mason. He is also connected with the agricultural interests of the town, owning and improving a small farm.

Edward Rotch, the father of Wallace, was also a mason by trade, having become familiar with that occupation in Washington County in this State, which was the county of his birth, and also of the birth of Deborah McKee, to whom he was wedded in young manhood. After his marriage he remained in that part of New York several years, busily plying his vocation, in which he was an expert. About 1825 he removed with his family to Brutus, and continued to work at his trade. This town had then been organized but a few years. New settlers were continually arriving, and those who had been here any length of time were ready to replace the log houses, which they at first built, with brick or frame structures, and thus his services were in constant demand. He was a man of superior intelligence, keenly alive to the needs of the young and growing town, and from the time of his arrival here became prominently identified with the welfare of the town, and served as Justice of the Peace for sixteen consecutive years, also serving as Supervisor of Brutus, besides holding minor offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He died at the age of eighty-one years, while she lived to see eighty-three years. They

reared ten children, eight of whom are now living. Myron C., who was formerly a mason, is now engaged in farming in Brutus. Martha J., the widow of Charles Faatz, resides in Cortland County. Josiah M., formerly a mason, is now a farmer, and lives in Brutus. Edward, Jr., is a miner in one of the Western States. Lovinia C., the wife of Benson Meech, a farmer, resides in the town of Brutus. John R., a contractor and builder, is a resident of Brutus. Julia A. is the wife of John McKee, a farmer residing in the town of Brutus. Wallace W. also lives in Brutus. Jane died when an infant. Laura, who married John McKee, died at the age of sixty-four years. The parents were worthy members of the Presbyterian church. The father, who was a veteran of the War of 1812, affiliated with the Republican party after its organization.

In the district schools of Brutus Wallace obtained the rudiments of his education; and so well did he acquit himself that he was subsequently allowed to continue his studies at the Jordan Academy, where he made excellent progress. Following in the footsteps of his honored sire and elder brothers, at the age of seventeen years he began to learn the trade of a mason, from that time being a self-supporting member of society. Mr. Rotch has met with far more than average success in the prosecution of his business, succeeding well in a pecuniary point of view, and is classed among the most prosperous citizens of the town, owning a substantial residence, which he has occupied since 1884, and a good farm,



and is assured of a comfortable competence during his life. He is a man of good mental attainments, and the manner in which he has managed his affairs shows that he is possessed of excellent business talent. He has been identified with the Republican party since attaining his majority, and in its ranks are to be found no truer or more faithful supporters of its principles than he. In his religious views he is liberal, and socially he is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 215, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the late Rebellion he was drafted into the service of his country, and bravely defended its flag.

Mr. Rotch has been twice married. Miss Sarah A. Babcock, to whom he was united in 1861, died in September, 1864, leaving a young babe, Arthur E., who died at the age of two months. In 1869 he was married to his second wife, Miss Anna Beebe, of Rochester; and in November, 1891, death once more crossing his threshold, she, too, passed to the life eternal.

**G**EORGE A. PADDOCK, Assistant General Manager of the Empire State Telephone and Telegraph Company, was born in Montezuma, Cayuga County, N.Y., June 3, 1862, and was the son of George R. and Mary B. (Stahlnecker) Paddock. George R. Paddock came to this county when but sixteen years old, with his father, Jonathan Paddock, one of the early settlers in the district and a successful farmer. The progenitors of the family were Scotch, having come from Scotland in the early days of the settlement of

New England. George R. Paddock died when but thirty-seven years of age, leaving a widow and a young son, George A., who was then but a year and a half old. Mrs. Paddock was born in Cayuga County, and was the daughter of Jacob Stahlnecker, a farmer, who was a direct descendant of the eminent family of Stahlnecker in Holland.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Paddock continued to live on the home they had made, sending her boy to the district schools until he was ten years old, when she removed to Auburn, that he might have the advantages of the excellent schools of the city. Having finished his studies he engaged himself in a store for a time, and afterward learned the printer's trade. This, however, was work that did not agree with his health; and he was obliged to give up for a time and regain the strength he had lost. As soon as his health would allow, he took a business course and prepared himself for a commercial life. In January, 1885, he was employed by the Empire State Telephone and Telegraph Company, first as an assistant in the office, then for two years as collector, and afterward as assistant book-keeper. In these various offices he showed such ability in the management of affairs and such integrity in all his dealings that he was placed in the responsible position of Assistant General Manager of the company, which practically means the management of the affairs of the company in Auburn. The lines of this company cover Cayuga, Seneca, Ontario, Yates, Wayne, Oswego, and Cortland Counties, and include thirteen exchanges



and one hundred and forty toll stations. The company employ about forty-five persons, exclusive of line men; and they have many hundreds of miles of wire. Mr. Paddock is also interested in the F. M. Locke Company, of Victory, N.Y., dealers in electric supplies, and owners of several patents on insulators and insulator pins.

On March 23, 1887, Mr. Paddock was married to Edna M. Coy, daughter of Nehemiah M. Coy, of this city. They have one child, Francis B. Paddock. Religiously, they are firm supporters of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Paddock is a member.

Among the men of influence in the city Mr. Paddock holds high rank. Being left without a father when he was yet very young, he was tenderly cared for by the widowed mother, who used all her best influence to bring up her son to be an intelligent, industrious, and honest man; and that influence, together with his own efforts and determination, has brought to him such success as might well be sought by all young men. Although as yet but in the prime of life, he is an important factor in the business interests of this and the surrounding counties.

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**I**SAAC D. HORNBECK is a retired farmer in the town of Owasco, Cayuga County, N.Y. He was born in that town, February 9, 1827, and has there spent all his life, a highly respected citizen. Benjamin Hornbeck, from whom Isaac is the fourth in line of descent, was a native of the

Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, where his ancestors, who came from Holland, had settled in the early part of the eighteenth century. Whether they were Dutch people or descendants of Puritans who fled from England to Holland is not known; but that Benjamin Hornbeck removed from Virginia to Orange County, New Jersey, is evident from the old records of the latter place.

His son Samuel was born in Minisink, Orange County, August 23, 1753; and there also was born Cornelius, son of Samuel, on March 11, 1796. In 1799 the family left New Jersey; and all three generations came to Owasco, where they bought a beautiful piece of land near the lake. This journey, like the migrations of many other settlers of this State, was made by slow and tedious stages with ox teams; and many times a road had to be cleared through the forest to allow them to pass. Their land was about one hundred acres, closely covered with timber, in which the sound of the axe had as yet never been heard, and which required much hard labor and patient toil to convert into the goodly farm seen here to-day. Benjamin Hornbeck died April 15, 1850, having nearly completed a century of life. His wife was Hannah Cortright, who was born May 10, 1755, and died October 1, 1841.

Cornelius, father of the subject of this sketch, was but three years old when the family came to New York; and he continued living with his parents during their lives, and, having succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, engaged in the cultivation of the



soil until his death in 1874. He was married to Deborah Decker, daughter of Isaac and Lillie (Westbrook) Decker; and they had five children, namely: John D., born July 3, 1820, died December 20, 1831; Samuel, born February 9, 1823; Isaac D., born February 9, 1827; Jane, born May 12, 1831; Louisa, born December 10, 1835, died September 7, 1837.

Isaac D. Hornbeck received his education in the district schools; and, after taking advantage of them to their fullest extent, he gave his attention to farming, remaining at home until the time of his marriage, when he and his brother carried on a farm together for a few years. He then built a fine residence, where he has since lived. For twelve years the brothers were associated, when Samuel's interests were bought by Frank Lefeor, Mr. Hornbeck's son-in-law. This arrangement proved satisfactory for about two years; and then Isaac D. became sole possessor of the property, which he still continues to work, being very successful in the undertaking. Mr. Hornbeck married Elizabeth Brodhead, daughter of Luke and Lydia (Reynolds) Brodhead; and they have but one child, Jennie, wife of Frank Lefeor, an agriculturist of Owasco. Mr. and Mrs. Lefeor have one child, a daughter, Lizzie.

Mr. Hornbeck is a member of the Reformed Church of Owasco, and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of great enterprise, and believes in using all the improvements which these modern times have given to the farmer; and in consequence his farm is

one of the best-worked and most productive in the town, his land yielding more by a great deal than in former years when worked according to old-fashioned methods. He is a man much respected in the community, and one whose advice is often sought by those who are just starting upon any new enterprise and desire such success as he has attained.

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**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON MERSEREAU is the chief dealer in general merchandise at Union Springs, and is senior member of the old firm of T. J. & D. P. Mersereau. He was born in this town on July 8, 1832, just as the smoke of the Independence anniversary was disappearing, and was son of Daniel and Lucretia (Sharrott) Mersereau. His grandfather's name also was Daniel Mersereau, and the family home was on Staten Island. As the name indicates, the Mersereaus were of French descent, and so was the Perrine family, into which Grandfather Daniel married. With his wife, Anna Perrine, he came early to Owego, Tioga County, and cleared land for a farm, where their son Daniel, Jr., was born in 1798, a year before the death of George Washington, though not quite early enough for the boy to bear his part in the War of 1812 with his elder brothers.

In Owego he received his education, and there he remained till his early removal to Cayuga County, about the year 1828. Already Daniel Mersereau, Jr., had been in a store on Staten Island among the parental kinsfolk; and now, in 1830, he opened a store



in his new place of residence. Naturally Mr. Mersereau became a prominent citizen. On his first arrival in Union Springs he was made Deputy Sheriff, and afterward served many years as Justice of Peace. Very early he joined the Masonic fraternity; and his son carefully preserves the certificate of his initiation into Scipio Lodge, Aurora, dated November 15, 1822, when he was twenty-four years old, and before his removal to Union Springs. Afterward he became a member of Warren Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., in Union Springs, of which he was a charter member. He was also an Odd Fellow and active in both orders. He died in March, 1853, at the age of fifty-five. His wife, Lucretia Sharrott, was a native of Staten Island, and was likewise of French descent, the daughter of John Sharrott; and they reared seven children, Thomas J. being the first born. The second was D. P. Mersereau, so long his brother Thomas's business associate. Next came Catherine, who did not change her surname in her marriage. John Mersereau is in Chicago. Henry Mersereau, the next son, died young. Maria Mersereau is now Mrs. George Smith. Frank P. Mersereau is the youngest son.

Leaving the town school in 1845, when only thirteen, Thomas J. Mersereau went at once into his father's store, where his help was greatly needed; for there were several younger children to care for, and their father was not strong, though he lived ten years longer. After his death the business was carried on by the whole family, under the title

of T. J. Mersereau & Co. This continued till 1867, when the present title was assumed, the two brothers, Thomas and D. P., having bought out the other heirs. The store fills the whole of their fine brick building, and is known throughout this section of the country.

Daniel Webster once made this exhortation to patriotism: "Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever."

Mr. Mersereau's thorough appreciation of Webster's words is shown by his noble record. During the first year of the Civil War, in October, 1861, he felt it his duty to enlist in Company K of the Nineteenth New York Volunteer Infantry, and go to the Army of the Potomac, first being sent to Frederick, Md., and then back to Washington. The next spring the company was transferred to a different branch of the service, the Third New York Volunteer Artillery. Then the troops were ordered to Newbern, N.C., where they arrived on the first day of April, and were at once set to work building Fort Totten. Next summer the company was mounted with a light battery. Mr. Mersereau had started from home as Second Lieutenant. Now he was commissioned as First Lieutenant of Light Artillery, but remained in the same old Company K, which was kept busy with skir-



mishes round about Newbern, where these troops remained all winter, till 1863, when they were sent to Hilton Head, S.C., to aid a demonstration against the city of Charleston. April found them back in Newbern, where they were stationed another year, till the spring of 1864, when they were sent to Fortress Monroe, Bermuda Hundreds, and City Point, fighting their way through.

When General Baldy Smith undertook his first expedition against Petersburg, the boys of Company K were in front; and they were also in the siege of that city. In October, 1864, Lieutenant Mersereau became Captain, and was sent to Morris Island, S.C., in command of his company. There they stayed till early December, when they were ordered back to South Carolina, and took part in the fight at Honey Hill, and in various skirmishes on their way to Charleston, which they reached in March, 1865, when the rebel army evacuated the city. At the surrender of Appomattox, Captain Mersereau's boys fired the salute; and, at the time of President Lincoln's death soon after, they fired minute-guns all day, on Central Green, Charleston. The war over, they came to Washington, and thence back to Syracuse, where they were mustered out in July, 1865, after nearly four years of continuous service.

Once more at home, Mr. Mersereau resumed his mercantile pursuits. He has a good record not only in war, but in peace, having been President of the village. In politics he has always been a Democrat. He has followed the paternal footsteps, not only in

trade, but in membership of the Masonic body. He was first made a Mason in Warren Lodge, in which he has since passed the chair; and he has also been High Priest of Aurora Chapter.

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**S**AMUEL ORR and his partner, Mr. Whiting, are the owners of a large flour and grist mill in Throopsville, where they carry on an extensive and profitable business. Mr. Orr is of English extraction, and was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, in the year 1845.

William Orr, his father, who was a native of Cornwall, England, was an energetic, enterprising man, and possessed much native mechanical ability. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and also became an expert miller, working in both a saw-mill and a grist-mill, and was also at one time manager of a pail factory in England. When twenty-eight years of age he emigrated to Canada, taking passage on a sailing-vessel, and being three weeks on the water. After his arrival he worked for several years at the carpenter's trade, later assuming the management of a pail factory. He subsequently purchased a farm with a water privilege on it, and, building a saw-mill upon the premises, carried on a remunerative business, being an active worker until a few years prior to his death, which occurred in the eighty-third year of his age, at the home of his son William. He was three times married. His first wife, mother of Samuel, was a native of Cornwall,



England, her maiden name being Elizabeth Wellington. She bore her husband ten children; namely, Mary, William, Elizabeth, Maria, John, Anna, Samuel, Harriet, Joseph, and Sarah J.

Samuel Orr was the seventh child born to his parents, and, like his brothers and sisters, was reared in the country of his birth, receiving his education in the schools of that locality. He became a miller, being engaged in a saw and grist mill for five years. Mr. Orr then travelled as a journeyman millwright for about twelve years, when, desiring to locate himself permanently, he came to Cayuga County, and, settling in Throopsville in 1886, entered into the milling business with Mr. Whiting, owning and successfully operating a mill with a one hundred and fifty horse-power capacity.

Mr. Orr has been favored by fortune in every respect, and in all of the most important steps in his successful career, including his marriage to Miss Cynthia A. Meach, a daughter of John and Mary E. (Church) Meach, who is a native of Chelsea, in the Province of Ontario, Can. They were wedded in 1887, and have one child named Silas Harold. Mr. Orr is a keen, practical man, well gifted with mental and physical vigor. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party; and, although he does not take an active part in public life, he conscientiously performs his part as a good citizen. He and his wife are held in high regard in this community, and are members of the Methodist church.

**H**IRAM THURSTON. There are few men more widely or favorably known throughout this county than he whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He is an active, wide-awake business man, and one of the most popular and prosperous boatmen on the Erie Canal. He takes pride in claiming New York as the State of his birth, which occurred February 1, 1837, in the town of Granby, Oswego County. He is descended from a respected family of Lewis County, this State, his paternal grandfather, John Thurston, Sr., having been born, reared, and educated in that county. He was for many years busily engaged as a tiller of the soil, owning and occupying a large farm there, and was an important member of the agricultural community of that region, and held in high esteem by his fellow-men. On the homestead which he improved from the primeval forest his last years were spent, his death occurring at the venerable age of ninety-four years.

John Thurston, Jr., the father of Hiram, was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, where his parents resided a short time; but the days of his childhood, youth, and early manhood were spent in Oswego County, where he became interested in agricultural pursuits, living there nearly half a century. On attaining his majority he bought a tract of wild land, and by constant and untiring labor improved a fine homestead, and was classed among the most enterprising and progressive farmers of his day. In addition to his other work he also engaged in butchering to some extent; and during the War of 1812, when



living at Sackett's Harbor, he furnished the meat for the troops. He married Beda Ann Loomis, whose father was a pioneer merchant of what was then the village of Syracuse, and one of its representative citizens. He was for some time during the earlier years of his life a resident of Watertown, Jefferson County, where his daughter Beda was born. Mr. and Mrs. Thurston passed the major portion of their wedded life in Oswego County, where the former lived to the good old age of eighty-eight years, while the latter died at the age of seventy-four. They were excellent people, well worthy of the high esteem accorded them, and were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Thurston supported the principles of the Democratic party. To them were born eleven children, of whom seven are now living, the following being their record: Silas, a farmer, resides in Michigan. John, also engaged in farming, lives in Oswego County. Hiram is the subject of this sketch. William and Frederick, farmers, reside in Wisconsin. Drayton, who is also engaged in agricultural pursuits, lives in Michigan. Dengo, a farmer, lives in Fulton, Oswego County. The names of the deceased were Mary Ann, Stephen, Phœbe, and Malcolm.

Hiram Thurston was educated in Oswego County, attending first the district school of his native town, and completing his school life at Fulton Academy. He assisted his parents on the homestead until he was seventeen years old, when he began his career as a boatman. Succeeding well in this pleasant

occupation, and finding it very profitable, he has continued thus engaged to the present, with the exception of about five seasons, being now in regard to length of service the oldest boatman on the canal, having really begun his work here when a boy of ten years, although not starting for himself until seven years later. His business is constantly increasing; and he does a large amount annually, he and his sons, who are now engaged with him, owning eight boats. During these many busy years he has accumulated considerable money, which he has invested wisely, owning a fine farm in the village of Montezuma, where he located in 1872, and on which he resides, having a beautiful residence and a good barn and corresponding out-buildings. Besides this property he has other real estate, being the owner of several houses in the village, from which he receives good rentals.

In 1857 Mr. Thurston was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Rose Gagen, a native of Ireland, where she was born in 1843, her parents being natives of the same country. Of the nine children born of this union six are living; namely, Drayton, Hiram, Edward, Frances, John, and Fred. Death entered the household of this happy couple, bearing away three loved members of the home circle, Eliza Jane dying August 15, 1861, at the tender age of nearly four years. Mary Ann, a bright little girl of three years, died in September, 1863; and on August 18, 1865, a winsome little child of two years named Eliza Jane, in memory of the first-born, passed from earth to heaven.



Mr. and Mrs. Thurston are among the respected and prosperous residents of their neighborhood, and are noted for their kind and obliging acts and their generous hospitality. In his political views Mr. Thurston is a stanch Democrat. He is liberal in his religious beliefs, while his wife is a member of the Catholic church, their children being attendants of the Methodist church.

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LEVI WHITFORD, a prosperous and highly respected agriculturist of Cayuga County, owns and occupies a pleasant and comfortable homestead in the town of Cato, where he has been engaged in general farming for more than a quarter of a century. He is a native of this county, the town of Victory being the place of his birth, which occurred August 7, 1834. The father of our subject, Silas Whitford, was born in Whitehall, Washington County, N.Y., and there reared to a farmer's occupation. Removing from the place of his nativity to Cayuga County, he made the town of Victory the place of his first location, residing there some ten years. He subsequently removed to Cato, and bought the farm now owned and occupied by his youngest son, Lewis Whitford. The country was then partially improved; but wolves, bears, deer, and other wild animals were often seen in the forests, and furnished many a meal to the inhabitants. By energetic toil and sturdy perseverance he cleared the ninety acres of land which he purchased, and improved a fine homestead, on

which he spent his last days, surrounded by all the necessary comforts of life. His prosperity was due entirely to his own exertion, his strong hands, courageous heart, and active brain being his only endowments; and the fine property which he left at his death is a standing monument to his industry, thrift, and enterprise. He married Aliza Cowell, a native of Tioga County; and to them were born three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Levi, of whom we write; Lydia, who became the wife of Harlow Young, but is now dead, having passed away at the age of forty-seven years; and Lewis, who resides on the home farm. In politics Mr. Whitford was a stanch Democrat, and ever supported the principles of that party. In his religious views he was very liberal, while his wife was an esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both died on the homestead, she laying down the burdens of life at the early age of forty-five years, while he lived until seventy-three years old.

Levi Whitford has passed his entire life within the limits of this county, growing to manhood and receiving his education in the district schools of Victory, Cato, and Conquest. He began his career as a tiller of the soil, remaining on the paternal homestead until he was twenty-six years of age, and there obtaining a practical knowledge and experience in the science of agriculture that has since been of inestimable value to him. Heeding the teachings of his youth, he judiciously saved his earnings, and, when ready to establish himself in life, purchased sixty-



five acres of land; and on this farm, where he now lives, he and his bride began house-keeping. Being a thorough and skilful agriculturist, he has met with undisputed success in the improvement of his farm, erecting substantial buildings, and placing his land under a good state of cultivation, now having one of the best-appointed and best-equipped farms in the locality, his homestead containing, besides the land he first purchased, a valuable wood lot.

Mr. Whitford was married in 1866, on the first day of April, to Miss Alvira Steves, a native of Onondaga County, and the daughter of John and Janie Steves, who passed their last years in that county, where he was a respected member of the farming community. Mrs. Whitford, whose death occurred November 30, 1888, was a woman of exceptional merit, and in every respect well worthy of the high esteem with which she was universally regarded. Of her union with Mr. Whitford no children were born; but out of the fulness of their hearts Mr. and Mrs. Whitford adopted a son, Albert Mitchell, who was born in Jordan, September 20, 1866, taking him to their home and hearts when he was an infant of twenty months, and rearing him as tenderly as if he were their own child. He still lives on the home farm, which he manages in a most capable manner. On February 1, 1891, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Hattie M. Cool, who was born in the town of Cato, May 29, 1872, and is a daughter of Andrew and Emma (Lamb) Cool. Mr. Cool is a farmer by occupation, and is actively engaged

in agricultural pursuits in the town of Bruce. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are the parents of one child, Lydia E., who was born May 13, 1893. Mrs. Mitchell is a pleasant and agreeable woman, and a consistent member of the Methodist church; while her husband, who respects Christianity in any form, is liberal in his views. Mr. Whitford, as was his wife, is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics is an uncompromising Democrat.

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CLARENCE E. MASON is well known in Auburn, being closely connected with the railroad interests of the town and a prominent figure in the business life of the place, having in charge all the freight and passenger traffic, and being station agent of the New York Central Railroad. He was born at Martville, Cayuga County, N.Y., May 25, 1852, the son of Edson and Mary (Austin) Mason. His father and grandfather were born in this county; and the former still lives in the old homestead at Martville, where he retired after twenty-five years of active railroad life as baggage-man for the New York Central Railroad.

Clarence E. Mason was educated in the common and high schools of Weedsport. At the age of sixteen, following the inclination inherited from his father, he began railroad-ing, and for thirteen years was employed in different capacities at Weedsport, his duties being largely office work and the charge of the yard. After leaving the New York Central, he worked for the Lehigh Valley at



Weedsport for a year, and for the West Shore at Fort Plain for a year. During the building of the West Shore Railroad Mr. Mason was with the contractor as Assistant Paymaster. He then went to Weedsport, and engaged in the manufacture of paper and cigar boxes, employing from fifteen to twenty hands. In 1889 he came to Auburn as checker for the New York Central Railroad office; and December 1, 1890, the station was turned over to him, since that time he having had charge of the depots in both freight and passenger service, being at the head of about fifty men. Auburn is now a great railroad centre; and the position which Mr. Mason holds is a very responsible one, on account of the great number of trains coming and going constantly, the management of this requiring much experience in the business as well as a cool head and a clear perception.

Mrs. Mason was formerly Eugena L. Tryon, daughter of Horatio S. Tryon, who was a farmer, and later a business man of Weedsport. He was a highly respected citizen, having at one time been President of the village, and at the time of Cleveland's first administration holding the position of Postmaster. His daughter was born in Fleming, and educated at Weedsport, to which place the family moved soon after her birth. She was married to Clarence Mason in April, 1874, and has two children—Frank and Clara.

Mr. Mason is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has held various offices in the lodge to which he belongs.

He is a man of extensive influence, and his high position in railroad interests brings him into close relations with manufacturing and commercial interests. His broad experience, pleasant and kindly manners, and his courtesy toward all with whom he has dealings have won for him the high respect of his townsmen.

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RREN BARDWELL, of Sennett, Cayuga County, N.Y., is one of the oldest men in this vicinity, and is known far and wide throughout the county for his brilliancy in conversation and his energy in all he undertakes. Far back in our country's history there was born in Belchertown, Mass., one Martin Bardwell; and he became the father of Zenas Bardwell, who was born in the same town and on the same ancestral acres. Zenas Bardwell, the father of Orren; was brought up amid the hardships of early days, and in the pursuit of agriculture gained such strength of body and mind and such experience as are rare in these modern times. In 1814 Zenas Bardwell left Massachusetts, and made a trip to New York, remaining for a short time in Otisco, Onondaga County, then returned to Massachusetts, having made the round trip on foot. Having seen the country, and being pleased with the prospect, the next year he took his family and started again, this time travelling in a covered wagon drawn by horses. He purchased eighty acres of land, mostly timbered, and built a log house and a barn. Here the pioneer farmer began life anew, surrounded by the primeval forest,



which was full of wild game, such as deer, bears, and wolves, the hunting of which was rare sport for the sturdy sons of the family. Syracuse was then but a small hamlet in the almost unbroken forest, and Albany was the nearest market town.

Mrs. Bardwell was Polly Stewart, of Massachusetts; and she became the mother of seven children—William, Orren, Maria, Estus, George, Mary Ann, and Betsy. She was a woman of the old New England type, with ready wit and keen insight, capable of supplying the wants of her family with the skill of her hands. It is pleasant to look back to those early days, when she might have been seen at the door of the log house with her spinning-wheel before her, while her daughters sat at the loom weaving the cloth which would soon be made into clothes for the family; for the thrifty housewife of those days scorned the idea of buying anything that she herself could make. Her husband died when eighty years old; and she survived him some years, being over one hundred at the time of her death.

Until he became of age Orren Bardwell lived at the old home, working with his father at farming. Then he and his brother started out for themselves in their battle with the world, and bought land in the town of Owasco. This was mostly timber, and was unimproved. The brothers made a clearing, built their house and barn, and there remained, working together, until the marriage of the brother, when the land was divided, and Orren purchased a farm in Otisco, where

he remained until 1874. Having sold his property in the latter place, he removed to Cayuga County, and purchased a farm of sixty-five acres in the town of Sennett, about half a mile from the city of Auburn. This farm is now managed by his grandson. Mr. Bardwell has been twice married. His first wife was Arvilla Bostwick; and to them were born five children—Janelius, Lycurgus, Holland, Gelistia, and Orlie. His second marriage was with Keziah Cook, daughter of Sylvester and Thankful (Kellogg) Cook, of Hadley, Mass.; and of this union there is one child, Myrtilla. Mr. Bardwell's first vote was cast for John Quincy Adams, and from the founding of the Republican party he has been one of its firm supporters. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

In these days of new ways and new people it is most delightful to spend a short time in the company of such a man as Mr. Bardwell. Brought up amid the hardships of pioneer life in this new land of ours, he has also tasted the happiness of those days of quietude and rest, when each one in the family worked for the common good, and all dwelt together in peace in a little world of their own, undisturbed by the rush of the outside world. Those were the days when the father was well satisfied to raise upon his own broad acres enough for his family, and the mother was proud to show her well-stored chests of linen, the work of her own hands. Such were the good old days which Mr. Bardwell is always ready to tell about, and such were the customs which made the strong frames and manly



spirits of the time. In this man are combined the strength and firmness of those early days and the spirit of progress which comes to all in these later times. Such characters are rare; and, when we find one, it is pleasant to dwell upon it, and gain from it the lessons it may teach. Orren Bardwell is perhaps the best-known man in the vicinity of Sennett, and all who know him are proud to call him friend.

CAROLINE DE SHONG, *née* Utt, widow of John H. De Shong, of Springport, is a most estimable woman, worthy in every respect of the high esteem universally accorded her throughout the community where she has resided for so many years. She is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Bethel, Northampton County, a daughter of Jacob Utt. She is of German ancestry, one of her paternal progenitors having emigrated to the United States from Germany, where he was born and reared to man's estate. He located in Pennsylvania, where he acquired a large amount of land, and became a prosperous agriculturist. After the arrival of the "founder of Pennsylvania" he was one of the surveyors appointed to measure off the beautiful forest land that Penn bought from the Indians, and was, mayhap, one of the witnesses of that compact between the beneficent Quaker and the red men, of which it was said, "It was the only treaty never sworn to and the only one never broken." He and his descendants for many generations were among the prominent farmers of Pennsylvania; and

Jacob Utt, the grandfather of Mrs. De Shong, spent his entire life on a farm in the town of Bethel. The father of Mrs. De Shong, also named Jacob Utt, was born and bred in Bethel, Pa., and, being an enterprising young man, with much "push" and energy, commenced his business career ere attaining his majority, buying an interest in a saw-mill, which he operated for some years. Subsequently going on to a farm, he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1845, when he removed to the State of New York with his family. Coming to Springport, he purchased a large land interest in the vicinity, and with the energy and vigor of youth began its improvement. He was a man of keen judgment, wise and sagacious in his methods of work, and continually added to the value of his farm, putting his land in an excellent condition, and erecting comfortable and substantial buildings. On this homestead he spent his remaining years. He married Mary A. Dills, of Pennsylvania; and they reared the following-named children: Almere, George, Caroline, Hiram, Charles, and William.

Caroline, to whom we refer in this brief sketch, was educated in the public schools of her native town, and from her good mother received practical instruction in the domestic arts, which she never forgot. When her parents came to Cayuga County in the month of March, 1845, she accompanied them, the journey occupying two weeks, and being made with a wagon. She was united in marriage with John De Shong, a son of Henry and Sally (Dills) De Shong, of Pennsylvania;



and of this union there are three children: Jacob H.; Sarah and Mary, twins. Jacob, who is a deaf mute, married Sarah Whalen, who is also deaf and dumb; and they have two very bright and interesting children — Willie Jay and Carrie L., both of whom enjoy the use of all of their senses. Sarah, who is the wife of Charles Youngs, of Geneva, has two children — Willie and Louise.

Mr. De Shong spent a long and useful life, dying in 1886, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was well and favorably known throughout the locality as a worthy man, possessing many excellent traits of character; and his death was universally mourned. Mrs. De Shong is a woman of much force and decision of character, kindly and agreeable in her manners; and she and her pleasant family are held in high regard by their large circle of friends and acquaintances.

**F**ARRETT FORSHEE, the genial and accommodating proprietor of the leading hotel of Montezuma, is one of the most respected and influential citizens of this beautiful village. He is a man of wide experience, possessing a knowledge of his business, and is conducting his present enterprise with unquestioned success, winning praise and popularity as a host who understands well how to cater to the public tastes.

Mr. Forshee is a native of this county, and was born in the town of Conquest, September 7, 1828, a son of William and Sophia (Van-Giesen) Forshee. David Forshee, the grand-

father, who was a native of New Jersey, was a pioneer of Cayuga County, coming here when the territory comprised within its limits was an almost impenetrable forest, with here and there an opening on which some brave and sturdy husbandman had built his humble log cabin. Auburn, now a busy and populous city, was then known as Hardenburg's Corners, and contained only a few rude log houses and a log store. David Forshee located in that part of the town of Throop known as Throopville, where he bought a mill property, and for a short time was there engaged as a miller. He then purchased three hundred acres of land on the place now called Forshee Corners, paying ten shillings per acre. Not a tree of the forest-covered land had been felled; bears, deer, wolves, and other wild beasts still roamed through the woods, and Indians were numerous. His first labor was to construct a log house, with the customary puncheon floor and shake-covered roof. He was an energetic, persevering man, with an indomitable will, and worked hard for many years to improve a home in the vast wilderness, and succeeded in his efforts. To such brave pioneers as he is the county largely indebted for its present prosperity and wealth, and amid the bustle and excitement of these busy times their names should not be forgotten. He spent the remainder of his life on his homestead, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife lived to see her eightieth birthday. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and in their religious views both were members of the Dutch Reformed



church. They had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom two are now living: Benson, a resident of Skaneateles; and Nancy, who is the widow of Samuel Ives, and lives in Jamestown, Chautauqua County.

William Forshee, the father of him of whom we write, was born during the residence of his parents in New Jersey, being very young when he came with them to the town of Throop. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and after his marriage located in the town of Conquest, trading a yoke of steers for one hundred acres of land. No improvements had been made on his land, and, as soon as he had finished his log cabin, he and his young wife began housekeeping. He cleared a considerable portion of the land, and made many improvements; and in that log house our subject was born. Six years he lived on his first purchase, then went to Forshee Corners, and was there engaged in mixed husbandry until 1840, when he removed to Crusoe Island, Wayne County, where he invested in land, and carried on general farming for many years. He was very successful in his agricultural labors, and as a business man displayed great ability and judgment. He spent his last days in retirement in the village of Montezuma, where his death occurred in 1864, at the age of seventy-one years. He was twice married, his first wife, mother of our subject, dying during their residence at Crusoe Island. He had seven children, of whom five are now living, as follows: Melvina, the widow of Giles Ross, resides in Chicago, Ill. David, who is retired from active work, lives in Montezuma.

Garrett is the subject. St. Clair S., a miner by occupation, resides in Utah. George W., who is a farmer, lives in Michigan.

Garrett Forshee was five years of age when his parents left Conquest, and his early education was therefore begun in the schools at Forshee Corners. He remained beneath the parental roof-tree until he was sixteen years old, when he was bound out to L. S. Worden, of Skaneateles, a manufacturer of wagons and carriages, and there learned the trade of carriage-ironer, remaining seven years. In 1851, being seized with the gold fever, he went to California, crossing the Isthmus, and being forty days in making the journey. On arriving there he was at first engaged in mining, and afterward operated a saw-mill. In 1854 he returned to this county, and, locating in Montezuma, opened a grocery store and warehouse, continuing in trade for sixteen years. He prospered in all of his undertakings, and, being a keen, shrewd, practical business man, soon obtained a foremost position among the representative citizens of the place. For a time he was engaged to some extent in speculating, and then bought the hotel property where he now resides, taking possession and assuming its management in 1871. Since that time he has devoted his time and attention to this business, and has won an extensive and first-class patronage.

The marriage of Mr. Forshee to Minnie Magdalene Malroy was solemnized January 1, 1864; and their union has been blessed by the birth of one child, a son named Frederick St. Clair, who was born June 24, 1875. Mr.



Forshee is a man of untiring energy, possessing a clear understanding and a well-balanced mind. In local affairs he takes a generous and deep interest, and has exerted a marked influence in advancing the various enterprises inaugurated to develop and promote the prospects of the town. Responsible and important offices have been intrusted to his care, and he has ever discharged his duties with fidelity. He has served as Collector of Canal Tolls two years, as Supervisor six years, and as Justice of the Peace, an office which he still holds, besides serving in many minor positions. In politics he indorses the principles of the Democratic party, taking a leading part in the political field. He is liberal in his religious views; and his estimable wife is a conscientious Christian woman, and an esteemed member of the Catholic church.

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**R**ICHARD D. THORP. Among the self-made men of Cayuga County the subject of this brief biography holds an honored place. Born of poor but intelligent and respected parents, he began the struggle of life with no capital save that bestowed upon him by a most beneficent nature; but his indomitable will, undaunted courage, and superb physique were a heritage sufficient for the most exacting. He is a native of York, born in Delaware County, April 3, 1812. His paternal grandfather was born in the State of Connecticut, where he spent his entire life. During the Revolutionary War he took an active part, being a brave and faith-

ful soldier. He married Sadie Johnson, who was also a life-long resident of the Nutmeg State.

Peter Thorp, father of our subject, was born in Connecticut, and when a young man, hoping to better his financial condition, became a pioneer of Stamford, Delaware County, traversing the country from his native home in a wagon, bringing his possessions with him, that being prior to the establishment of the many canals and the network of railways that now cross the State in every direction. He had no money to buy land, but worked industriously on farms, which he rented on shares in different localities, making a living for himself and family but never acquiring much property. He spent the greater part of his life in Delaware County, dying in the town of Stamford. The maiden name of his wife was Abbie Johnson. Her father was a pioneer of Stamford. Mr. Johnson had many exciting experiences in the early years of his residence in that town, at one time having a fierce struggle with a bear while on his way to feed his cattle. Indians, wolves, and coyotes were plentiful in those days, often terrorizing the inhabitants. To Peter Thorp and his wife were born ten children: Abbie, Rebecca, David, Richard, Martin, Daniel, Olive, Jane, Phœbe, and Delia.

Richard Thorp, of whom we write, obtained his education in the district schools of Stamford, and as soon as old enough began working on a farm by the month, receiving but scant wages. He afterward learned the trade of a mason and stone-cutter, also that of a



brick-maker, and continued working at his occupation about ten years. Having accumulated some money, he then bought eighty acres of land in Fleming, and at once engaged in general farming. In his new occupation he was very successful, and afterward bought other land adjoining his first purchase, until his farm in Fleming aggregated one hundred and sixty acres, all of which he placed under an excellent state of cultivation. He was a very robust man, with great physical endurance; and in those days, when he was making almost herculean efforts to establish his business on a firm foundation, he labored on the farm during the daytime, and teamed wood every night. During the busy times of harvesting, he made a practice of sleeping on the floor at night, so that he might be sure of being up at the first dawn of day. In the course of a few years, he invested his surplus money in a farm in Aurelius, where he has since lived. This is rich and productive, yielding good returns each year to its owner.

Mr. Thorp has been twice married. His first wife was Theodosia Curtis, a daughter of John Curtis, of Tompkins, two children being born of their union—William and Edgar. The elder married a Miss Daniels, and they live on the farm of our subject in Fleming. The younger son, Edgar, who lives at Aurelius Station, married Carrie, daughter of John and Margaret (Flynn) Shoemaker. Mrs. Thorp died March 16, 1846; and Mr. Thorp subsequently married Mellicent Griswold, a native of Connecticut, who came with her parents to New York in early pioneer days. She

died October 19, 1892, leaving one child, Ella, who is the wife of Hiram Babcock, of Scipio, and the mother of three children.

Mr. Thorp, though a man of eighty-two years, is hale and hearty, his old-time vigor and strength being yet in the ascendant; and he bids fair to enjoy many more years of comfort. In politics he is an ardent Republican, having been a supporter of that party's principles since its conception. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined it many years ago.

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REV. ALVIN COBURN is not only one of the oldest and most influential citizens of Union Springs, but he is also among the most active business men in the village, whither he first came in 1853 as a minister, and finally, in 1862, as a permanent resident. He was born in the town of Westfield, Orleans County, Vt., July 17, 1814, and was the son of Chester Coburn and grandson of James Coburn, a native of Sturbridge, Mass., a descendant of early English immigrants. James and his wife were among the pioneer settlers of Northern Vermont, where they became prominent townspeople and adherents of the Christian Baptist sect, which was one of the most liberal in those days, cutting loose from the older Calvinistic and narrow creeds.

In their removal to the Green Mountain State Mr. and Mrs. James Coburn took with them their son Chester, a young man who had been born in Sturbridge some time before



1790, and therefore not long after the Revolutionary War. Chester also became a leading citizen in the State of his adoption. He not only represented his town in the legislature, but performed efficient military service, so much thought of in those days, rising through all the subordinate grades to the rank of Major. He died after reaching his four-score years. Like himself, his wife, Mary O. Stebbins, was born in Massachusetts; and her father, Bethuel Stebbins, also removed to Northern Vermont, among the pioneers. She lived to the extreme age of ninety-three, and had in all seven children, of whom five lived to maturity. She was twice married, however; and only three children belonged to her first husband, Mr. Coburn. The eldest, Chester Coburn, Jr., was named for his father, and was born in Vermont, March 28, 1813, during the last war with England. Then came Alvin, also born during that memorable struggle; and then their sister, Sarah Olive, who married Nelson Davis, of Derby, Vt.

As might be inferred from this ancestry, Alvin Coburn was reared in the Christian Baptist communion. He attended the district school till he was seventeen, and then began teaching in the winter time, while seeking further education in the summer. At last he was able to conduct a select school during the vacation terms from his public school work, while at the same time helping his father on the farm in the busy season; and this course he industriously pursued for twenty years, till he was nearly forty years old. In Meadville, Pa., is a theological school, then recently es-

tablished, mainly by the Unitarians, though the Christian denomination was largely connected with it; and for many years one of the professors was an excellent clergyman of that sect, Rev. David Millard. To this seminary Mr. Coburn now went, taking the regular course of three years, under President Rufus P. Stebbins and Professors Nathaniel S. Folsom and Frederick Huidekoper, the last-named gentleman being a son of the founder of the school, H. J. Huidekoper, one of the early settlers in that region, having come from Holland in the interest of a land company.

Mr. Coburn was no longer a young man when he took the Meadville course, being over thirty, a fact which shows his deep thirst for knowledge and his perseverance in endeavoring to slake that thirst. After his graduation in 1849 he was ordained as pastor of the parish at Watkins, Schuyler County, where he preached for three years more, until 1853. Thence, in the early part of February of that year, he came to Union Springs, where he was settled for several years as a minister. Next he went to Yellow Springs, Ohio, to be Treasurer of Antioch College, an institution in which his sect was largely interested with the Unitarians. There he found an opening as Principal of the preparatory department for a year. Returning to Union Springs, he taught a public school for another year, and then went to Vernon, Oneida County, N.Y., to assume for two years the pastorate of the Unitarian society. On the outbreak of the war in 1861, he removed his family to Ver-



mont, that they might be with his aged father during that gentleman's declining years. While living there the Rev. Mr. Coburn received a letter of invitation to enter the army as Chaplain; but he declined the honor, preferring to come back to Union Springs. After teaching school for a term in the Cayuga township, he accepted an appointment as teller in the First National Bank at Union Springs, when it was organized; and he opened the books. After a few years more he resigned this position in 1869, and entered upon a new and very successful career as an insurance agent, doing business in Cayuga, Tompkins, Cortland, and Onondaga Counties.

At about thirty-six years of age the Rev. Alvin Coburn was united in marriage to Mary Ann Watkins, of Havana, N.Y., daughter of Waterman Watkins, a merchant, who came originally from Oneida County. Of the Watkins family more may be read in the sketches of Isaac Eldridge and Albert Beardsley. Mrs. Coburn was born in the town of Trenton, Oneida County, February 26, 1829, and is therefore fifteen years her husband's junior. They were married September 18, 1850, just after Mr. Coburn's ordination, and have three children living. Frank and Fred Coburn are twins, and were born in 1851. Fred is a druggist in Syracuse, and Frank is a bookseller in Kansas City, Mo. Their sister, Mary Olive, is the wife of David Mersereau, and lives near her father's home, in the handsome house which he built on Park Street.

The philosophic writer, Marcus Aurelius, has said: "As surgeons keep their instru-

ments and knives always at hand for cases requiring immediate treatment, so shouldst thou have thy thoughts ready to understand things divine and human, remembering in thy every act, even the smallest, how close is the bond that unites the two." At the age of eighty, with his varied experience as farmer, student, teacher, preacher, banker, financier, and agent, Mr. Coburn can fully realize the truth of these classic words; for he has "long lived on the border line, 'twixt things human and divine," yet carrying into every calling the spirit of the Master. In addition to his daily business affairs he has been Trustee of the village, and four years Trustee of the Union Springs High School.

**G**EORGE GUMAER, a successful farmer and stock-raiser, whose homestead is pleasantly located in the town of Cato, where he has resided many years, occupies a prominent place among its citizens of influence and affluence. Here he has one hundred and sixty-five acres of finely cultivated land, well provided with substantial and convenient farm buildings, and indicating in all of its appointments the exercise of good taste, sound judgment, and ample means. Mr. Gumaer was born in the town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, N.Y., October 6, 1832, a son of James and Rachel (Van Auken) Gumaer, the former of whom was born in the town of Owasco, Cayuga County, in 1802, and the latter in New England.

Samuel Gumaer, father of James, who was



born February 11, 1777, when a young man removed to the extreme Western frontier, and settled in this county prior to the year 1800. Attracted by the general appearance of the town of Cato, which was then in its infancy, with here and there a clearing, he determined to make it his home. Buying a tract of wild land on which not a stick had been cut, he set to work with energetic industry to clear and improve it. By dint of hard labor and steady perseverance he succeeded well in his efforts; and on his homestead he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he passing away January 9, 1834, when only fifty-six years old. His faithful companion, whose name before their marriage was Elizabeth Depew, survived him many years, dying November 13, 1852, at the age of seventy-two years. Of the four sons and six daughters born to them, all are now deceased, their names having been Elias, Samuel, James, Harvey, Peggy, Ann, Eliza, Charity, Sally, and Electa.

James Gumaer, the third child of his parents, grew to manhood in the town of Cato, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, performing his full share of the pioneer labor of cutting down the giant trees of the forest, uprooting the stumps, and placing the land in a tillable state. In 1852 he bought eighty and one-half acres of the farm where his son George now resides, and continued his occupation of general farming, adding improvements from time to time, until he had a good farm. He was a capable, painstaking farmer; and under his excellent management most satisfactory results were obtained, and he was

enabled to enjoy in his later life the fruits of his many years of earnest toil. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-six years, dying on the homestead January 28, 1889, and during this long life, which was spent within the limits of Cayuga County, watched with wonder and delight its rapid transformation from a densely timbered country, through which the wild beasts roamed at will, to one of the finest agricultural regions of the Empire State, and took an active interest in aiding its advancement and growth. His wife, who died on the homestead in April, 1862, bore him several children, four of whom grew to maturity, and two of whom are now living, namely: George; and Mary, the wife of J. Harvey Southard, of Lysander. Daniel died at the age of fifty-five years, and Elizabeth at the age of twenty-two years. Politically, James Gumaer was a staunch Democrat. In his religious views he was quite liberal, and his wife was a valued member of the Baptist church.

George Gumaer spent a portion of his early life in Onondaga, and there received his education. Following in the footsteps of his honored father, he selected farming as his life occupation, and in addition to carrying on general agriculture, harvesting each year extensive crops of grain, tobacco, and corn, pays especial attention to raising fine stock, and has a profitable dairy. He is a skilful and able manager, thoroughly practical in his methods, and has made a grand success of his work. His first purchase of land in Cato consisted of thirty acres; and he has since bought adjoining land, his farm now containing one



hundred and sixty-six acres, all under good cultivation, and is considered one of the best estates in the vicinity. Mr. Gumaer has also other landed interests, owning a good property in the town of Lysander. His homestead has a good set of farm buildings and a convenient dwelling-house, and is well equipped with all the necessary machinery for conducting his business, being in all respects most desirable and comfortable.

The union of George Gumaer with Carrie M. Ten Broeck took place on May 5, 1857. Mrs. Gumaer is a native of Cato, born June 25, 1837, being a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Ten Broeck, both of whom are deceased, the father having died at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother when sixty years old. Mr. Ten Broeck was one of the early settlers of Cato, and was for many years one of its most respected and esteemed agriculturists. Mr. and Mrs. Gumaer are the parents of two children — Elizabeth R., the wife of Willard Halstead, of Meridian; and George C. The latter, who resides on the home farm, was born March 12, 1869, and began his pursuit of knowledge in the dis-

trict schools of Cato, afterward completing his education in the Rochester Business College. Mr. Gumaer is a man of sound judgment, and one whose opinions are uniformly respected. He has materially assisted in the development and growth of this locality by contributing his full share to its agricultural and business interests, and of his means to whatever had for its object the advancement and prosperity of his community. Politically, he is a firm adherent of the Democratic party, and casts his vote in support of the principles of that party. Socially, he is connected with Cato Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to Cato Lodge, No. 142, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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**J**AMES S. McCABE, Superintendent of Electric Light Company, has been connected with that corporation ever since its establishment, and in 1893 was made its Superintendent. The other officers of the company are: President, John J. Moor; Vice-President, James Seymour; Secretary, Byron C. Smith.











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